

## Message from the coordinator

Welcome to our third newsletter which I hope you will all enjoy as much as the first two.

So far this year we have managed to have a very successful PCE in Brighton. Our SIG showcase day was also very well received, with a full house for all our speakers, and we received positive feedback on both events. The committee has also been busy attending and speaking at other events, writing articles and hosting webinars. One of our committee members, Phil Dexter, received an MBE for his work in the field of inclusion and Anne Margaret Smith gave a plenary talk at NATESOL conference in May.

This edition of our newsletter offers you a superb variety of articles which deal with a wide range of issues from LGBTQ+ by Tyson Seburn and Giovanni Licata, to an article by Yasna Yilorm Barrientos which looks at how we can create inclusive environments for all our learners through multisensory activities. There's also a great article by Gerard McLoughlin who looks at authentic materials that raise learners' awareness of a range of different issues.

I am just back from representing the SIG at BrazTESOL, where I worked with their Voices SIG to provide three days of training designed to promote inclusion and diversity in the workplace. The next six months of the year look to be very exciting and busy for IP&SEN SIG, too. We are involved in joint event with IATEFL's Pronunciation SIG in October, and the PARK school in Brno in November. We are also planning our own event in November, and we will be providing more information on this in the coming months. We are also working with TESOL Greece and JALT to raise awareness and offer teacher training in inclusive practices and SENS.

As well as this, the team is busy planning for next year's IATEFL conference in Liverpool, where we hope to see you all. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please get in touch with our newsletter editor, Rachael Harris, at [ipsensig@iatefl.org](mailto:ipsensig@iatefl.org).



See you in issue 4.

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