



Message from the Acting Co-ordinator

Dear IP&SEN SIG members,

Welcome to IP & SEN SIG. I am very pleased to share with you our first newsletter. First of all I'd like to thank those of you who have already joined the SIG. Your support is incredibly important and I hope that we can work together to help each other and teachers across the world to become more aware of Inclusive Practices and SENs. It is our mission to:

- raise awareness of the challenges facing learners with cognitive differences, sensory impairments and physical disabilities in the language classroom.
- share best practice and experience in accurately identifying language learners' additional needs.
- disseminate information about inclusive teaching methods, materials and resources for working with learners who experience barriers in accessing education.
- promote positive contributions that all teachers and learners can make in promoting a more inclusive learning environment.

The last eight months have been a very busy time for the acting committee since we were approved by IATEFL back in May 2016, and we have been working very hard to get everything in place. We have a website, Facebook page and are on twitter now. We have also organised both a PCE day and a SIG day at IATEFL in April for all our members and non-members. If you haven't already registered for these, I would encourage you to do so as we have some great speakers and sessions lined up for you. Please go to the IATEFL website to do this.

The SIG is also collaborating with the Global Issues SIG and we are presenting workshops and talks at the AAPI conference in Lisbon, Portugal in April. We are interested in collaborating with organisations across the globe and your help in doing this would be most welcome, so please contact us if you know of any organisations that would be interested in working with us.

With the help of this newsletter we hope to keep you updated on all matters concerned with IP&SEN SIG and provide you with some interesting articles on a range of topics to support you. If you would like to write for the newsletter then take a look at the call for articles in this edition or contact our editing team at **ipsensig@iatefl.org**.

Finally, we hope your 2017 has got off to a great start and we look forward to seeing many of you at IATEFL in Glasgow.

With best wishes

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