

BIO – JURY of ELT experts

1. JOANNA PAWŁOWSKA

A multitasking personality, a teacher trainer, a mentor, a methodologist, a language coach and a communication and language trainer, a teacher and lecturer at the [SWPS University of Social Sciences and Humanities](#) (Warsaw, Poland), a project leader, a moderator and administrator of Facebook groups dedicated to using images, photographs and videos in the language classroom ([Photoclasqueur](#)) and teacher development ([Metodyczna Kafejka](#)), an author of a photo blog for teachers, a designer of visual aids for language teaching.

She has been assisting her students for over 17 years in their opening the windows and doors to lots of possibilities. What she loves about teaching is the opportunity to meet amazing people, create continuously and have no time to come to a standstill. What she loves about teacher training is watching her fellow teachers grow and develop their individuality in their teaching approach. She initiates and moderates lots of events and projects for teacher development, such as 'Metodyczna Kafejka', which is a vibrant space for teachers to self-develop, both professionally and personally, by sharing their ideas, successes and dilemmas with other fellow teachers in a supportive, cosy atmosphere. She strongly believes in the idea of learning from one another and, hence, creates supportive space for teachers. She specializes in conducting in-company, online and tailor-made crash courses for adults, young adults and students. She has been running a language school since 2011. She has always been into brain-based learning, using realia in class as well as photographs and visual aids. Recently, she has been involved in working on her photo blog for teachers [www.classeurlasseur.pl](#), which is coming soon. Meanwhile, her ideas for classes and self-designed visual aids are published on her fanpage: [englishclasseur.pl by Joanna Pawłowska](#). Mentoring and tutoring in language education are very close to her heart. In her leisure time she takes photos, writes, draws, designs, spends time with her beloved ones and meets with her friends, explores the flavours of India or rides a horse to switch off for a moment.



2. Jon Hird

I am a teacher, trainer and author based in Oxford, UK, where I divide my time between teaching English at the University of Oxford and writing ELT materials. I also give teacher-training talks and workshops both in the UK and overseas. I have a range of experience and interests, but with a particular interest in Grammar, English for Academic Purposes and in dyslexia and learning English. I have written and contributed to a number of ELT publications and my most recent include *Oxford EAP B1*, *Keynote Proficient Workbook*, *Grammar and Vocabulary for the Real World* and *Oxford Learner's Pocket Verbs and Tenses* and I have also recently written grammar material for the *Navigate* course book series. In my free time, I play the drums.



3. **John Hughes** runs training courses for teachers from all over the world and regularly presents at conferences. As an author, he has written around 30 titles including the course book series 'Life' (National Geographic Learning) and 'Business Result' (Oxford University Press). In 2015 he wrote 'ETpedia – 1,000 ideas for English language teachers' and he is now the series editor for a collection of ETpedia titles on different areas of teaching. John has a particular interest in video, having written the book 'How to write audio and video scripts' (ELT teacher 2 Writer) and, before he became a teacher, he worked on the TV series 'Spitting Image' in the late-eighties.



4. **Rob Howard** is the owner of Online Language Center, a live online course for C1/C2 level students specializing in Business, Legal and Academic English. He is a teacher, tutor, trainer, material designer, blogger and writer for English as a foreign language. He is also a consultant and has been a frequent speaker internationally, both in-person and online, regarding online retention and online presentation skills as well as using technology in and out of the classroom. He is also the founder of EFLtalks, webinars for teachers, utilizing his business background and social media to build a worldwide PLN+ for new, existing and future language teachers. Through a growing archive of 10-minute videos by international professionals recorded during live webevents, experienced teachers may pass on their knowledge, tools, ideas and products to a new generation of education professionals through efltalks.com. Originally from Boston, Massachusetts in the U.S., he is currently residing in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and Gdansk, Poland. You may e-mail him at rob@onlinelanguagecenter.com.

