

EXCLUSIVE CONFERENCE

2027

CONCEPT PRESENTATION

# EdYouFest

## RETREAT

Top 50 Teacher Trainers. A curated global retreat for leadership, reflection, and impact



This new project is being supported by the ELT Council.





# What is the EdYouFest Retreat?

An invitation-only international retreat

Dedicated to the Top 50 Teacher Trainers

Designed for highly experienced educators and mentors

A space for deep dialogue, collaboration, and vision-building

Focused on legacy-building rather than visibility

Part of the EdYOUFest ecosystem (active since 2015)



# The EdYouFest Retreat is:



Organised by EdYOUFest in cooperation with  
ELT Council Malta



Anchored to an institutional and professional  
framework



# Why this Retreat stands out:



Quality and credibility



Alignment with ELT professional standards



Long-term vision and sustainability

[www.edyoufest.org/retreat](http://www.edyoufest.org/retreat)



# Our Vision

To build a global circle of teacher-training leaders who:

- Collaborate across borders
- Mentor future generations of educators
- Shape innovation and ethical leadership in ELT

The Retreat is a space where experience meets responsibility.





# Our Mission

- ✦ To recognise excellence in teacher training
- ✦ To provide a protected space for reflection and exchange
- ✦ To encourage peer-to-peer leadership
- ✦ To connect independent professional voices and institutions
- ✦ To generate ideas with long-term impact beyond the retreat





# The EdYouFest Retreat is dedicated to:

- ✦ Teacher Trainers
- ✦ Academic Mentors
- ✦ ELT Leaders
- ✦ Programme Designers
- ✦ Long-term contributors to teacher development

Participation is limited to 50 selected professionals. Not designed for early-career professionals or first-time trainers





# What Makes the Retreat Different

Not a conference, not traditional training, not top-down delivery, but:

- ★ A retreat format
- ★ Time for listening and reflection
- ★ Dialogue among equals
- ★ Shared responsibility and trust





# What the Retreat Offers

- ★ Immersive retreat experience
- ★ Facilitated professional conversations
- ★ Collaborative workshops
- ★ Curated relational moments
- ★ Space for co-creation and future planning
- ★ All within a carefully selected, inspiring location







## Retreat Structure

The EdYouFest Retreat is a 2-day immersive experience designed for depth and reflection.

It combines:

- ✦ 3 curated plenary sessions
- ✦ Small-group collaborative workshops
- ✦ Time for dialogue, co-creation, and informal exchange

A structure created to support thinking, not overload.





# Plenary Sessions

The Retreat includes three top-level plenary sessions, conceived as intellectual anchors, not traditional keynote talks.



# Focus areas

- ✦ Communication – led by a university professor
- ✦ Social Media & Society – led by a senior professional from Meta
- ✦ Artificial Intelligence & Education – led by a representative from ChatGPT / OpenAI

Each plenary frames reflection, raises critical questions, and informs collective dialogue.



# Collaborative Workshops

The heart of the Retreat is collaborative work among peers.

Structure:

- ✦ 50 selected Teacher Trainers
- ✦ 5 groups of 10 participants
- ✦ Diverse professional and cultural perspectives

Workshops are facilitated spaces for dialogue, shared responsibility, and co-creation.





## Workshop Focus & Outcomes

Central theme:

“The Teacher of English in 2030”



## Participants explore:

- ✦ Evolving professional identity
- ✦ Future competences and responsibilities
- ✦ Ethical, technological, and societal challenges

The work feeds into ongoing collaboration within EdYOUFest future events, webinars, and publications from the Top 50 Teacher Trainers Circle





# ✦ Legacy & Impact ✦

The Retreat aims to create:

- ✦ Ongoing collaboration among participants
- ✦ Mentoring pathways within EdYOUFest
- ✦ Contributions to future events, webinars, and publications
- ✦ A Top 50 Teacher Trainers Circle within the EdYOUFest community
- ✦ Impact continues after the retreat ends.





# Why EdYouFest Retreat?

Because :

- experience deserves intentional recognition
- leadership grows through dialogue
- innovation needs both vision and structure

The cooperation with ELT Council Malta  
strengthens this commitment.







# Participation

- ✦ Participation by invitation or nomination
- ✦ Limited to 50 selected teacher trainers
- ✦ Designed for professionals ready to lead, mentor, and contribute
- ✦ Participation implies active contribution before and after the retreat



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A shared space for those who believe in  
collaboration over competition, reflection over  
speed, leadership through service

*Thank you!*