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TITLE:

Tip and Tricks for AI in the classroom and recognising in its use with students

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Abstract

This fast-paced practical session shows English language teachers how to weave AI into lesson planning, differentiation, materials design, and feedback—without compromising academic integrity. Drawing on training delivered in AI in Digital Banking, Generative AI in Healthcare, and Generative AI for Statistical Analysis, we'll focus on classroom-ready adaptations rather than theory. Using Copilot and ChatGPT alongside focused assistants for writing, reading, speaking, and assessment, participants will draft prompts, compare outputs, and adapt tasks to CEFR levels and classroom realities. We will build simple routines that foreground students' offline skills—task analysis, outlining, note-taking, paraphrasing, source-checking, and style control—and agree a plain-English disclosure policy for AI use. Attendees leave with reusable templates and low-prep activities they can run tomorrow.

BIO

Ruairi O'Connor is a UK-based L&D leader and ESL/Soft Skills Trainer with 15+ years' experience. After several years teaching in South Korea and Japan, he now designs and delivers AI-enabled English programmes for teachers and corporate learners globally, with a strong footprint in the Middle East. A CELTA, TEFL, AET level 3 qualified educator with an M.Ed, he integrates AI responsibly for planning, differentiation, and feedback while strengthening learners' offline skills. He has trained 500+ leaders internationally, achieving ~90% completion and outstanding feedback.