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POSITIVE EDUCATION AND HUMAN WISDOM IN AN AGE OF AI

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Abstract

Negative feelings and demotivation are a daily part of our classroom lives. Positive Education is not simply a bunch of theories asking people to "feel great against adversity" but a thoroughly scientific, long-implemented educational framework in which teachers and students can flourish and find encouragement when they feel stuck or demotivated. The speaker will provide "the why to use positive education," demonstrate some PosEd activities, and try to communicate that Positive Education is something caught and not taught!

Biography

George Kokolas has been working, until now, as the Academic Director and Teacher Trainer for Express Publishing for the last 25 years. He is a licensed Level 5 Positive Education Practitioner and holds a Level 5 Diploma in Positive Psychology. He is a certified LEVEL 7 TEFL teacher and a certified ADVANCED Neurolanguage Coach®, practising Neurolanguage Coaching® professionally. He holds a BA in English Literature. Since 2017, he has been hosting and producing the successful Teachers' Coffee educational podcast. In 2022, he was voted among Greece's most popular ELT influencers. He has served as Vice Chair of TESOL GREECE and is a founding member of the International Positive Education Network Greece (IPEN GR). He has delivered over 1,000 presentations at international conferences, with many plenaries among them, and counting...