SPEAKER PROFILE 2027 / AUSTRALIA

George Kokolas

KEYNOTE SPEAKER & WORKSHOP PRESENTER

Crafting Characters Through Language Learning



SATURDAY 30 JANUARY 2027 | CURTIN UNIVERSITY | PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

George Kokolas has worked as Academic Director and Teacher Trainer for Express Publishing for 25 years. He is a licensed Level 5 Positive Education Practitioner, holds a Level 5 Diploma in Positive Psychology, is a certified Level 7 TEFL teacher and an Advanced Neurolanguage Coach(R), practising Neurolanguage Coaching professionally. He holds a BA in English Literature.

Since 2017, George has hosted and produced the 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).

George has delivered more than 1,000 presentations at international conferences, including many plenary sessions.

PROFILE AT A GLANCE

EXPRESS PUBLISHING	CONFERENCE TALKS	PODCAST HOST	POSITIVE EDUCATION
25 years	**1,000+**	**Since 2017**	**Level 5**

Workshop | 12:30-1:30 pm

WORKSHOP SESSION

Crafting Characters Through Language Learning

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The speaker highlights the shift from traditional curriculum coverage to a holistic approach to character development. Drawing on the Seligman and Peterson framework, the session emphasises how educators can cultivate resilience, personal growth and endurance in the face of adversity by recognising and nurturing students' character strengths.

The talk advocates self-reflection among teachers and a supportive classroom environment, underscoring that transformative change in education begins with educators and their commitment to fostering a positive educational culture as a foundation for true character education.

George will demonstrate activities that help learners practise awareness of character strengths and explore how those strengths interact within an ELT classroom.

WHAT PARTICIPANTS WILL TAKE AWAY

- Practical ways to recognise and nurture learners' character strengths through classroom activities.
- Activities for exploring awareness of strengths and how they interact in an ELT classroom.
- The role of teacher reflection and a supportive classroom culture in fostering resilience and growth.

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