

## Bilingual Education Programme

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# Talk for Writing training course

We are pleased to offer **Secondary English teachers** (whether designated as teachers, Asesores Lingüísticos &/or coordinators) the opportunity to take part in the training course “**An introduction to how Talk for Writing helps students speak and write English effectively**”. This is the continuation of the Talk for Writing courses previously offered in BEP at Early Years and Primary and is an essential course for understanding the approach to English in BEP

The training will be delivered by **Talk for Writing (TfW)** expert, [Julia Strong](#). The course will show teachers how the use of the **TfW** methodology in classes across the school will help their students achieve the required learning outcomes in English. Teachers will gain confidence and knowledge in the key components of the approach.

**The course is open to all Secondary English teachers whether designated as teachers, Asesores Lingüísticos &/or coordinators.** There are a limited number of places and preference will be given to applications of small groups or pairs of teachers from the same school who are permanent or long-term members of staff, This will increase the possibility of implementation of TfW in school and of teacher support for each other & the students. Because of the long-term implications and the costs of this training we cannot accept applications from teachers who may not be working at the school next year.

### The TfW training course:

- Consists of **6 hours** of practical online workshops via Zoom (4 sessions x 1.5 hrs)
- takes place during **October and November 2023** (specific dates and times indicated below)
- is **a closed group** and teachers from all BEP Secondary schools are welcome to submit applications
- is limited to a maximum of 40 teachers.

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## Application guidance.

- Applications must be made online via the specific [Application Form](#) and submitted on time (see calendar below)
- Preference will be given to applications from groups or pairs of teachers from the same school.
- Teachers submitting applications must be permanent / long-term members of staff.
- All applicants must commit to attending all of the 4 training sessions.
- Applicants must agree to completing the tasks set between sessions. (These will be practical tasks trying out the strategies/techniques/ideas seen in the training.)
- Participants must be able to access the sessions using **Zoom**. Each delegate will need **their own computer with a working camera** so that they can interact with the sessions. Note: laptops or desktops are strongly recommended rather than mobile phones.
- Teachers must be willing to cascade the learning from the course to colleagues. This would initially be via a staff meeting or school training session, but we will also try to offer webinars for the wider BEP community.
- Teachers must be willing to provide British Council with feedback on the course. This will be a short online survey.

## Timeline (2023)

- **15 – 27 September:** call for applications: teachers complete the online application form
- **29 September:** participating schools and teachers confirmed
- **3-5 October:** all participants receive course links and any other information relevant to participation.
- **10 October to 14 November:** course sessions take place.
- **15 November:** feedback survey sent to all participants.

**Contact:** If you need any further information please email [Maureen McAlinden](#) (British Council Spain) or call on mobile: 649 824 007.

## Talk for Writing Course information

### For secondary English teachers in Bilingual Education Programme high schools

Talk for Writing provides an engaging, coherent approach to helping students talk and write effectively in English. By focusing on internalising key language patterns from model texts in English, learning becomes motivating for teacher and student alike.

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Packed with practical strategies to develop students as writers, the four interactive, online sessions will:

- demonstrate how to help students build up a store of language patterns and related writing techniques through internalising model texts
- provide teachers with a bank of imaginative, short-burst activities related to the model texts for developing speaking and writing, alongside integrating grammar into the process
- develop the link between model texts, quality English literature and great writing
- show how to innovate on the models so that the students can innovate on them and then apply what they have learnt independently.

The training will take place over four 1.5-hour online sessions on **Zoom**:

1. Tuesday 10 October, 2023 at 4.30 pm
2. Tuesday 17 October, 2023 at 4.30 pm
3. Tuesday 7 November 2023 at 4.30 pm
4. Tuesday 14 November, 2023 at 4.30 pm