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**Professional Development Day**

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## Skills for Now and the Future

**Riga 17 February 2020, Visvalža str. 4A**

The ELT guest speakers for this event are teacher trainer **Rob Dean**.



**Rob** has been involved in ELT as a teacher, director of studies and teacher trainer since 1994. During this time, he has taught a wide variety of ages and levels in numerous countries in Europe and South East Asia, and is currently based in Poland. Rob now works as an independent international teacher trainer and academic consultant, and travels widely delivering talks, workshops and seminars – as well as online webinars - to teachers all over the world.

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Programme 10:00-14:30

Monday, 17 February 2020, RIGA

Faculty of Humanities, Visvalža 4A, Riga

**10:00-10:10 Opening of the event**

**10:10-11:10 SESSION 1 Rob Dean**

**There's more to it than just Grammar**

**- A Meaningful 21<sup>st</sup> Century Adult Classroom**

The world is full of change – social, political, technological, cultural – as well as educational. Tertiary educational reform throughout the world has seen the 21<sup>st</sup> century classroom come to bear little resemblance to that of the days when we were students at school. In this session we will examine various key methodological aspects of this change, including a look at how the 'four Cs' - communication and collaboration, creativity and critical thinking - can be effectively combined with life and technology skills to successfully meet the communicative needs of learners today. We will illustrate the session with material taken from Pearson's new adult course *Roadmap*.

**11:10-11:40 COFFEE BREAK**

**11:40-12:40 SESSION 2 Rob Dean**

**Soft Skills for Success**

**The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Secondary Classroom**

There was a time when it seemed sufficient for a language classroom to involve grammar and little else. Of course, this was not sufficient, as it often resulted in learners completing a course with a profound knowledge of grammar, but completely unable to communicate. Fortunately, things have moved on, and in the modern day much more consideration is given to what our learners need to *achieve* by *using* language in future work or leisure situations – the soft skills. This session will look at ways in which we can develop these soft skills, including values, leadership, teamwork, problem solving, flexibility and interpersonal skills at the same time as developing language skills. The session will be illustrated with material taken from Pearson's brand-new *High Note* and *Focus 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* courses.

**12:40-12:45 BREAK**

**12:45-13:45 SESSION 3 Rob Dean**

**Real Lives, Real Language, Real Materials**

**Authenticity in the Language Classroom**

Instagram, Twitter, 4G-phones and TV on-demand – these are just some of the media which our teenage learners of today utilise to organise their busy everyday lives.

Keeping up with our teenagers and helping them to make real progress means using what we know about the reality of their lives to shape our language and exam preparation courses. This session will therefore look at ways of capturing our teens' imaginations through the use of authentic topics, authentic media and authentic language as we prepare them for school exams and success in the future. The session will be illustrated with material taken from the new Pearson '*Focus Second Edition*' and '*High Note*' courses

**13:45-14:00 Yana Kuzmina LCCI Exams – Your Life-skill Advancement**

**14:00-14:15 Iveta Vitola New Challenges, New Solutions**

**14:15-14:30 CLOSING, CERTIFICATES**