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Chat log: Teachers as Eco-activists *with Alan Maley*

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01:51:29 Pavilion ELT - Ellie: Welcome back!
01:52:06 Carol King: We're here, Alan!
01:52:22 Mahalutchmee Runghsawmee: Hello Alan. Nice to be to listen to you.
01:53:26 Kirsten Holt: If anyone has questions for Alan do ask them here and I'll ask him them at the end.
01:56:15 Alex Mackenzie: Yes – warmer, drier, fewer slugs!
01:56:24 Kirsten Holt: Do put them in the chat box if you can share
01:56:34 Kathy: Yes, the rain is heavier when it falls and the summers warmer.
01:56:34 Adrian Tennant: Yes, it's hotter and very dusty in the atmosphere here in Cyprus
01:56:45 Kirsten Holt: Here much more rain and more slugs!
01:56:46 Patricia Barzotti: more flooding on a dramatic scale in Italy
01:56:49 Simona Vieru: Yes, it's hotter in summer
01:56:55 Rana Bushreida: We barely had rain last winter and summer started way earlier than usual in Libya.
01:57:05 Gerardo Valazza Furest: More floods and problems with fresh water in Uruguay
01:57:27 Mahalutchmee Runghsawmee: Flash floods.
02:00:06 Kirsten Holt: Really drives it home seeing your experiences, doesn't it?
02:03:24 Pavilion ELT - Ellie: The handout will also be provided with the recording of Alan's session next week!
02:09:05 Kirsten Holt: Do share your thoughts in the chatbot if you can
02:09:32 Kirsten Holt: *chatbox
02:10:43 Adrian Tennant: And maybe we could do another one :-)
02:10:51 CHANG LIU: Awareness and action can help ensure that future generations inherit a healthier planet.
02:12:17 CHANG LIU: Understanding the ecological impacts of various actions helps individuals, communities, and governments make informed decisions. For example, knowledge about the ecological footprint of different products can influence consumer behavior and encourage more sustainable choices.
02:12:44 Kirsten Holt: 100% Chang!
02:13:19 CHANG LIU: 😊Thank you Kirsten\
02:17:34 Fernanda Binati: I don't feel well-informed even though there is a lot of ongoing discussion. It feels like the discussion is a huge open-ended question that people (learners and institutions) can't fully grasp. But at the same time it's like you said, we can't "escape" it. It feels like a vast conundrum. I was just wondering how you think teachers and institution have managed to overlook such a conundrum, and how the "conundrum" can be useful for us to delve into considering there are so many underlying assumptions around the issue.
02:20:41 Pavilion ELT - Ellie: Alan's upcoming book: <https://pavpub.com/pavilion-elt/teaching-english/using-wisdom-stories-in-language-teacher-education>
02:21:45 Kirsten Holt: Thanks for sharing Fernanda... hopefully the resources Alan's mentioned can help, but I will bring it up as a discussion point at the end.
02:22:22 Kirsten Holt: The QR code link actually has tons of resources so do make sure you capture the link to go and explore. :-)
02:23:46 Kirsten Holt: Ideas in the chat box when you're ready please... even simply.
02:24:59 Gerardo Valazza Furest: When is Alan's book on wisdom stories coming out?
02:25:28 Fernanda Binati: Yes..
02:25:58 CHANG LIU: Integrating eco-issues into language teaching doesn't necessarily require a major methodological shift. Can just be relatively straightforward to incorporate discussions about environmental topics into existing curriculum frameworks. For example, use the thematic units. Topics could range from recycling and renewable energy to wildlife conservation and water usage.
02:26:08 Pavilion ELT - Ellie: Hi Gerardo, it should be coming out later this Summer, July/August time
02:26:54 Kirsten Holt: Thank you Chang... useful ideas there for others to act on.
02:27:09 Fernanda Binati: Collins dictionary on what methodology means
"A methodology is a system of methods and principles for doing something,"
I think the whole thing needs to change - opss!
02:27:13 Robert McLarty: That one slide has masses of food for thought.
02:27:37 Kirsten Holt: Doesn't it just?! ;-)
02:28:05 Adrian Tennant: There was a recent news story about how online selling sites such as 'Vinted' have led to an increase of the number of people selling second-hand clothes and not donating to charity shops - leading to a reduction of income for charities!
02:28:06 Kirsten Holt: Really glad Alan us making us think about them...
02:28:56 Fernanda Binati: Interesting Adrian, thanks

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02:29:22 Gerardo Valazza Furest: Thanks for the info!

02:29:45 Kirsten Holt: Apparently it along with eBay also have reduced sales of fast fashion which is a more positive impact

02:30:26 Fernanda Binati: That's nice

02:30:41 Kirsten Holt: I find it crazy how much we're being pressurised to buy electric cars yet the cars leave a massive environmental footprint in their manufacture!

02:31:28 Kirsten Holt: Plus the cost of charging the cars...

02:31:34 Fernanda Binati: Discourse is a very big weapon for marketing, unfortunately

02:31:52 Rachel Sarrailh: Absolutely, electric cars are total environmental nonsense

02:31:58 Patricia Barzotti: very true, doesn't seem to be solving the problem, all to do with selling and most people can't afford them so saving the planet can only be in the hands of those with money?

02:32:08 Fernanda Binati: I think that marketing highly influences discourse in teaching as well

02:32:51 Robert McLarty: Some great statistics in this talk - great for number dictations leading to discussion.

02:33:05 Rachel Sarrailh: What makes you say that Fernanda?

02:33:45 Fernanda Binati: Alan is putting into words haha

02:34:18 Rachel Sarrailh: 😊 @fernanda

02:34:32 Fernanda Binati: 😊

02:34:37 Sabine Gandler: We need to fight defeatism among youngsters by presenting them positive examples of initiatives which work - especially by youngsters.

02:34:58 Kirsten Holt: Good idea

02:35:14 Adrian Tennant: Fuel poverty is a big issue here in Cyprus. I have solar panels and my electricity bill is 10% of those who don't (basically charges for provision, VAT etc), but you have to be able to afford the solar panels in the first place! (Around 7,000 Euros).

02:37:54 Rachel Sarrailh: Not only is this important in our teaching practices, but it is also important to integrate the environmental issue in our use of resources: copies, mails etc

02:37:56 Kirsten Holt: This is the handout Ellie mentioned. Other resources are in the QR code

02:38:24 Kirsten Holt: I think that's true Adrian here as well... :-(

02:38:58 Kirsten Holt: I echo Alan here - it's marvellous!!

02:39:57 Kirsten Holt: Questions for Alan coming up... you know what to do. ;-)

02:40:24 Fernanda Binati: <https://green-action-elt.uk/> also organises webinars on eco-activism in ELT

02:42:32 Kirsten Holt: Which one chimes most with you?

02:43:53 Fernanda Binati: Thank you so much!

02:44:12 Kathy: Thank you for this.

02:44:12 Zsuzsanna Nagy: Thank you.

02:44:18 Robert McLarty: Very good, Alan. Lots to think about and implement.

02:44:30 CHANG LIU: Thank you very much for this inspiring and thought-provoking presentation!

02:44:32 Mahalutchmee Runghsawmee: Thank you.

02:44:46 Rachel Sarrailh: Question for Alan: what are the biggest mistakes we make as teachers?

02:45:14 Sue Rowe: Thank you Alan for a thought provoking session! It puts everything into perspective -- what's really important!

02:45:34 Gerardo Valazza Furest: Thank you Alan!

02:45:38 Patricia Barzotti: Thank you so much for the resources.

02:45:51 MARIA ROSA PELIZZONI: Thank you so much Alan for your lecture I have listened to you with great pleasure.

02:46:01 Hana Sekelova: thank you

02:46:03 Fernanda Binati: I asked how we overlook, but he addressed it. Thanks!

02:48:32 Ricardo Luceño: Sharing is Caring, Kirsten. Thanks so much for all we are learning in these sessions!

02:49:42 Pavilion ELT - Ellie: Yes, it is expected to be out late Summer 2024!

02:49:48 Mahalutchmee Runghsawmee: Sometimes you don't find like minded colleagues where you are teaching and you find yourself isolated.

02:49:56 Pavilion ELT - Ellie: Here: <https://pavpub.com/pavilion-elt/teaching-english/using-wisdom-stories-in-language-teacher-education>

02:50:13 Pavilion ELT - Ellie: And 10% off with the code 10ELT at checkout!

02:50:32 Pavilion ELT - Ellie: It was also be available on Amazon after publication

02:54:09 Fernanda Binati: Loved the talk. Thank you!

02:54:33 Alex Mackenzie: Thanks a lot - so many connections with real-world concerns

02:54:36 Rachel Sarrailh: Thank you very much for the eye-opener

02:54:36 Fernanda Binati: Thanks everyone in the chat too. Always nice to hear people's contributions.

02:54:44 Sabine Gandler: Thank you. I am looking forward to looking at your sources.

02:55:19 CHANG LIU: Thank you Alan. I look forward to reading your wisdom stories book.

02:55:36 Pavilion ELT - Ellie: Thank you to Alan!