

## **KOTESOL YLT: Teachers of Young Learners & Teens SIG Debut!**

This joint event is put on by the new, trending KOTESOL special interest group and the Seoul, Suwon, and Yongin KOTESOL Chapters. Topics by veteran teachers presenting in this symposium include: attaining certifications for teachers of young learners, tricks for teaching phonics, and an interview with an experienced teacher who authors children's books.

**2pm ~ 5pm, [Gyeongin National University of Education](#)  
155 Sammak-ro, Manan-gu, Anyang-si, Gyeonggi-do**

### **Title:**

Enhancing Teaching Practices for Young Learners: Insights from TKT Young Learners Certification

### **Abstract:**

This presentation on the Teaching Knowledge Test (TKT) Young Learners certification focuses on enhancing teaching practices for educators working with children aged 6-12. The target audience is English language teachers working with children aged 6-12, educators seeking to enhance their teaching practice, or anyone interested in learning more about TKT Young Learners certification. The presentation will look into the benefits of TKT Young Learners Certification, how to equip yourself with invaluable knowledge and skills essential for effective teaching, and how a certification improves career prospects and looks great on your CV. It opens doors in the field of English language education.

### **Bio:**

NeeNee, the Director of Assessment Korea, has worked for many years to elevate language proficiency standards in South Korea by pioneering the integration of Cambridge English Assessments in English Academies at all levels. Her innovation and leadership have positioned Assessment Korea as a key player in delivering internationally recognized language credentials. NeeNee has long held a reputation for excellence in her field

and is always offering support and advice to both Academy owners and teachers alike.

**Title:**

Help! They Can't Read!

**Abstract:**

Over 9 years of teaching English I have found that in most classes that there is at least one student that does not know how to read English. In 2022 I was asked to teach a phonics class to address this problem and in the process, I learned a great deal about phonics instruction. In this presentation, I will present the fruits of my labour – what you should do, what you can do, and what activities you can use in class to teach phonics.

**Bio:**

Tom Wyatt is currently studying Korean as a full-time student in Yonsei's Korean Language Program. Previously, he taught EFL to young learners in Gwangju and Cheonan. A member of KOTESOL and JALT he has an undergraduate degree in English and Religion from the University of Toronto and a CELTA.

**Title:**

Write what you know -observations from a young learner's classroom

**Abstract:**

This presentation offers insight into how our teaching experiences can shape unknown possibilities. A discussion will focus on the transition that led to the books and where the ideas for the characters came from. Taking on the format of a 'TV chat show ' the discussion will also examine the motivation for the characters and what drove the stories. Audience participation in this presentation is strongly encouraged.

**Bio:**

Barrie Henderson, a dedicated teaching veteran in Korea for over 20 years, graduated at De Montfort University in Leicestershire England. Majoring in

the performing arts, he quickly found a way to turn performing into teaching and in doing so, quickly found his passion for teaching writing. Renowned for sharing his wisdom with young learners, Barrie has achieved acclaim as a published author, captivating children and adults alike with his engaging children's books and imaginative insights.

**About the YLT SIG in KOTESOL:**

The purpose of this group is to provide professional development and support for educators of young learners and teens. Our mission is to create a robust platform for educators to share best practices, overcome common challenges, and continuously evolve teaching skills. Visit the KOTESOL website for more information on this group:

<https://koreatesol.org/content/young-learners-teens-sig>

Directions:

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