

## Disabled Access Friendly Campaign

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How to get involved in the Disabled Access Friendly campaign IATEFL

Disability to Capability by Dr. Luke Prodromou for IATEFL

Dear colleague,

The Disabled Access Friendly campaign aims to provide teachers of English as a foreign language with free downloadable material online that can be used in teaching and skills building as well as examination practice, that will at the same time raise awareness about issues affecting people with mobility problems e.g. wheelchair users. Please find further details and a free lesson provided by Dr. Luke Prodromou attached, and look out for the launch of the campaign's website ([www.disabled-access.friendly.com](http://www.disabled-access.friendly.com)), when we will send you a further update.

The campaign already has the support of institutions such as the British Council, teachers such as Sean Banville, Lindsay Clandfield, Guy Cook and Luke Prodromou, examination bodies such as City and Guilds and international publishers such as Longman Pearson. We also have the support of IATEFL, which published an article by Sara Hannam about the campaign in the August 2010 edition of the "Voices" Newsletter. I hope I can persuade you and your members to also become actively involved in this campaign, so that we can use ELT to collectively help pave the way to positive changes being made.

The attached document entitled "How to get involved in the Disabled Access Friendly campaign" contains the following:

- Aims of the Disabled Access Friendly Campaign
- Extract from a lesson raising awareness by Rachel Finnie
- Full details on how to get involved in the Disabled Access Friendly Campaign
- Spread the word
- Use our free teaching material
- Contribute an idea or a full lesson plan with activities or worksheet (including guidelines)
- Get student teachers involved
- Tell your story
- Contact us

We would be very grateful if you could disseminate this document to your members or post it on your site, together with the lesson entitled "From Disability to Capability"

provided by Dr. Luke Prodromou. We would also be pleased to have a link to your association on our website, and would also like to give you a link to ours, if you agree.

*“The best schools, teachers and materials writers have always done more than just prepare students for tests. They raise awareness of the world in which we live and try to make it a better place.”* (Dr. Luke Prodromou).

The Disabled Access Friendly campaign is grateful to Julia Tanner-Bogia, Chair of TESOL Macedonia Thrace, N. Greece, for presenting the aims of this campaign to approximately 80 participants of Associates Day on the occasion of the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual International IATEFL Conference and Exhibition, Brighton, 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> April 2011. This awareness of the society in which we live and the belief that students, through their own actions, can make changes, improvements and empower themselves and others, lies at the very heart of education.

I hope very much to hear from you.

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