

## NEWS

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## TESOL International Association Kicks Off Its 50th Anniversary Year

TESOL International Association, originally, Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, will celebrate its 50th Anniversary throughout 2016. Founded by five associations on 18 March 1966, TESOL has grown to more than 12,000 members in 176 countries. TESOL affiliate associations now number more than 115 throughout the world.

As part of the celebration, TESOL's 50th Anniversary Council has created opportunities to recognize outstanding English language professionals in the field. The 50 at 50 list recognizes 50 individuals who have contributed significantly to the profession, and the 30 Up and Coming list recognizes future leaders of the profession. TESOL Success Stories seeks to share the impact that ESOL teachers have had on students in all parts of the world.

Nominations are being accepted for outstanding colleagues and success stories on TESOL's recently launched [50th Anniversary website](#). The website will showcase these individuals and stories. It also includes an [interactive timeline](#) where members can share milestones in the history of the association. Additionally, each month the site will feature a TESOL affiliate, sharing the affiliate's story as part of the TESOL family.

The celebration will take place during the first week of April 2016 at the [TESOL Convention & English Language Expo](#) in Baltimore, Maryland, USA. In addition to the great learning and networking opportunities at the convention, TESOL will host special 50th Anniversary activities, including a few surprises. TESOL will also publish a commemorative book and recognize the five founding associations. The celebration will close with a block party honoring the association, the field, and English language teaching professionals around the world.

For more information, please visit the [50th Anniversary webpage](#). See you in Baltimore!

### **About TESOL International Association**

Founded in 1966, [TESOL International Association](#) is a professional community of educators, researchers, administrators, and students committed to advancing excellence in English language teaching for speakers of other languages worldwide. With more than 13,000 members representing 150 countries, TESOL fosters the exchange of ideas, research, and peer-to-peer knowledge, and provides expertise, resources, and a powerful voice on issues affecting the profession. Through professional development programs, its international conference, special interest groups, and publications, TESOL engages tens of thousands of professionals to

collaborate globally and create a world of opportunity for millions of people of all ages who want to learn English. For more information, please visit [www.tesol.org](http://www.tesol.org)

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