ETFO
Thames Valley Teacher Local

Member Presented Workshops

Registration will open at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on Thursday, October 8, 2026



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ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local members (Permanent Contract Teachers) are eligible to register for the workshops listed.

Members may attend one (1) ETFO TVTL workshop per school year that requires release time.
Please note that other workshops requiring release time may be offered throughout the school year as they become available, but each member may only attend one per school year.
A half-day release will be provided to attend one of these workshop sessions.
Use code 14 Union Business Recoverable when booking your Occasional Teacher.

- **Online registration will open Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. (Noon).**
- **Limited space is available in each session.**
- **Each workshop offered will have a morning and an afternoon session available.**
- **Morning workshops run 9:00-11:30 a.m., Afternoon workshops 1:00-3:30 p.m.**
- **Lunch will be provided.**

Workshops will be held at:

ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local
2911 Bateman Trail, London

Register Online at:

www.etfothamesvalley.com



Choose Your Workshop

November 3 - 5, 2026

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

1. Building Healthy Screen Time Habits - J/I

Teach students to be intrinsically motivated to reduce screentime and prioritize in-person social relationships through scientific evidence. Participants will leave with a health unit of 3-5 lessons.

2. Nurturing Curiosity, Community and Engagement - Kindergarten

Creating the Conditions for Growing Learning Communities. Explore strategies for engaging students, building meaningful relationships, and leveraging the power of play as a foundation for learning the Kindergarten Curriculum.

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

1. Igniting or Reigniting the Passion in FSL - Core French

Identify current challenges in the FSL classroom and increase student engagement by sharing strategies, resources, activities, assessments and tools to reignite your love of teaching French.

2. Ukelele in the Classroom - Junior

Simple chords, easy strumming patterns, and fun songs that are great for students, even if you have no musical background. Participants will walk away with new skills, helpful resources, and confidence to make music with their students in a fun, low-pressure way.

Thursday, November 5, 2026

1. STEM - Structures (Building the Tallest Tower) - J/I

This make-and-take workshop focuses on scaffolded learning of engineering tasks. Participants will create structures for a variety of purposes, through teamwork, creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration, to understand how structures are designed and built.

2. Teach Like a Cat: How to Own the Classroom You Enter - Teachers in First 5 Years of Career

Using drama and life experience, teachers will craft a strong and dynamic presence they can use in any classroom. Touch on some of the 'hurts' teachers may face and how to build the capacity to quickly and confidently move past them. Learn how to hold joy in your career and not internalize the bad.

Choose Your Workshop

November 17 - 19, 2026

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

1. Building Thinking Classrooms - K-8

Inspired by Peter Liljedahl's research, educators will be introduced to the core principles of Toolkit 1 and what gets students genuinely thinking. See how intentional structures such as visibly random groups, vertical non-permanent surfaces, and rich tasks create classrooms where thinking becomes the norm rather than the exception.

2. Consent in the Curriculum, Teaching Bodily Autonomy - K-4

Setting up students for success in social relationships now and later in life. Looking at where consent is found in the curriculum, not only in health class. Empower students to stand up for themselves, reduce conflict, improve self-regulation, and support social emotional learning.

Wednesday, November 18, 2026

1. Core French Assessment - Grades 6-8

Obtain ideas for Core French activities that can be used to assess the different strands, such as summative assessment and observation assessment. Participants will be provided with applicable and tangible ways to generate assessment that is meaningfully tied to the curriculum.

2. Future "Bill Nyes": Media and Podcasts in the Classroom - J/I

Teachers will explore how to integrate media and podcasting into science Capstone projects. Medical podcasts? Biodiversity trading card unboxings? Amateur astronomer podcasts? This is only their beginning!

Thursday, November 19, 2026

1. Teaching Compassion Through Sustainable Development Goals - K-8

Explore practical and inspiring ways to design learning tasks connected to curriculum while authentically integrating several of the United Nation's 16 Sustainable Development Goals. Adaptable for all educators.

2. The Time Project: Empowering Students through Global Collaboration - Intermediate

The Time Project (https://timeproject.org) is a global learning initiative that connects classrooms around the world to explore pressing issues through the lens of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Human Rights and Social Justice. students engage in collaborative inquiry on these themes and share their learning in real-time through video conferences with peers from diverse countries and cultures.

Choose Your Workshop

December 1 - 3, 2026

Tuesday, December 1, 2026

1. Building Restorative Classrooms - K-8

Participants will actively engage in relevant, ready-made community building activities such as community circles and shared agreements. Participants will walk away with tangible classroom ideas and next steps to help create, build, and sustain relationships with and amongst their students.

2. Integrating Science of Learning Principles in Daily Practice - P/J and J/I

Learning isn't a spectator's sport. Discover what research and evidence say about the most effective instructional strategies and how they benefit both the educators and students. Learn how the brain works, how to make learning stick, change outcomes and make classrooms more equitable.

Wednesday, December 2, 2026

1. Canva Tools that Give Teachers Time Back - K-8

From Overwhelmed to Empowered. Using Canva to learn about time saving templates, ready to use student activities, interactive games, Live Learn interactive sessions, and assigning work to your digital classroom. Device required.

2. Engaging Technology Projects and AI - J/I

Experiment, create, and share as we explore engaging classroom projects using Google, AI, WeVideo, and other digital tools. Whether you're already experimenting with these tools or just wondering where to begin, this session is about making technology creative, purposeful, and fun.

Thursday, December 3, 2026

1. From Assessment to Action: Making Phonics Data Work for You - K-2

Create a collaborative phonics team with your colleagues to improve phonics retention and knowledge in your students. This workshop will cover the value of data, how to use your data to target instruction, and collection of data (tracking during cycles and creating Excel spreadsheets).

2. Tinkering in the Library Garden - Teacher Librarians, FSL, K-4

Tap into the book lovers mind in the library forest learning garden and look at a collection of new picture books. Collaborate on lesson plans for reading and play, with a focus on inclusive anti-oppression texts, humour, beautiful artwork, curriculum connections, and social-emotional learning.

Choose Your Workshop

April 13 - 15, 2027

Tuesday, April 13, 2026

1. Kids Boost Immunity: Engaging Students through Real-World Learning and Global Impact - Grades 2-8

Kids Boost Immunity (KBI) is a free educational platform that empowers students to learn about health, science, global citizenship, and digital literacy while earning vaccines for children around the world through educational activities. Participants will identify opportunities within their grade level, allowing them to brainstorm with other educators for ways that KBI can be used in their classrooms and leave with take-home resources.

2. Wellness and Regulation through Play! - Anyone

Educators are constantly supporting the needs of others. Learn how to use play to enhance wellness, reduce stress, and foster meaningful connection in both personal and professional settings, to support nervous system regulation, emotional well-being, creativity, and resilience.

Wednesday, April 14, 2026

1. Change the Story, Change the Experience – For New Teachers in Challenging Classrooms

Identify stories you tell yourself during difficult moments in the classroom. Learn how those stories influence emotions and decisions. Reframe challenging experiences into growth opportunities.

2. Student-Driven Digital Art with Scratch - J/I

Using Scratch, a digital art and design tool, participants will explore how features such as sprites, costumes, and backdrops can be used to create simple animations and engaging visual art experiences for students, through a blend of direct instruction and creative exploration.

Thursday, April 15, 2026

1. A Field Guide to Going Outside - Kindergarten and Prep Teachers

This fully outdoor workshop includes topics such as: Risk vs. Hazard, Materials/Tools/Resources, Affordances of Outdoor Spaces, Role of the Facilitator, and Planning & Logistics. **Dress appropriately for the weather.**

2. Differentiating using "Visual Grammar" - FDK, P/J

Intertwining Waldorf and Montessori pedagogy to aid in understanding the morphology and syntax of language. This workshop will demonstrate examples using this for "oral-free" dictation, vocabulary building, and ways to challenge students from ELL to gifted (differentiation).

Choose Your Workshop

April 27, 2027

Tuesday, April 27, 2026

1. Quality Math Talk in the Junior Classroom - Junior

Building confident mathematicians through visual and concrete models. Generating conversations to engage student thinking, assess prior knowledge, and further the understanding needed for success.

Get Ready!

Organize ahead of time everything you will need to be able to register.

Good ideas start with curiosity.

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1. Read about and select a workshop

You may want to have a backup workshop or two in mind in case your first choice is full when you try to register.

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2. Know your login informaton for the Local website in order to register.

If you do not have a personal profile set up with the Local or can't remember your login information, please contact the Local before the day registration opens.

Small steps lead to big impact.

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3. Register and Book Occasional Teacher

When registration has opened and you have registered successfully, you will receive a confirmation email. Book your Occasional Teacher for the half day you registered for, using code 14 Union Business Recoverable in TVARRIS.

Reflect.
Adapt.
Grow.