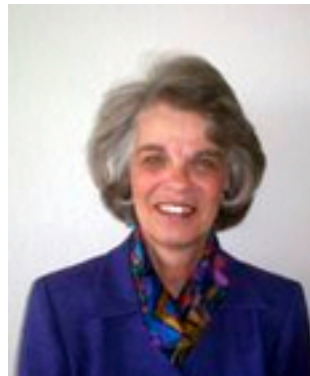


European Literacy Coaching Cohort 2013-15

A CEESA and ECIS Joint Initiative



After the success of the first regional Literacy Coaching Cohort program we would like to start a second cohort to begin in the fall of 2013 and end in the spring of 2015, facilitated by Carrie Ekey, Shannon Stanton, and Katherine Casey.

Purpose:

A knowledgeable, well-trained literacy coach can support the work of principals and curriculum specialists by providing deep and sustainable change in literacy instruction at the classroom level.

The literacy coach is someone who can induct and mentor new teachers, organize professional book studies, create leveled book rooms, and provide demonstration teaching as well as engage in side by side coaching in ways that principals and curriculum leaders are not able to.

"A coach's role is not one of evaluator, so they have incredible potential to support change in a collaborative way."

Support the ECIS mission to provide a "collaborative network promoting the ideals and best practice of international education" as well as the CEESA mission of being "a collaborative community of international schools which enhances school effectiveness and inspires student learning and development."

The first ECIS/CEESA international training program for literacy coaches started in in the fall of 2011. The CEESA group of approximately 25 participants was comprised of teachers from different countries and schools across four regions in the international world. Under the direction of Carrie Ekey, Katherine Casey, and Shannon Stanton, these teachers completed the two-year program at the CEESA Spring Educators Conference in Prague in 2013. The opportunity for in-depth training over time and the chance to network with literacy specialists from schools around the world have been especially valuable to the participants.

Contact Tony Mobbs with questions: tmobbs@isp.cz More information on the ECIS Curriculum and Assessment site: <https://sites.google.com/a/ecis.org/ecis-curriculum-committee/>

European Literacy Coaching Cohort Details:

We would like to offer a second cohort, sponsored by CEESA and ECIS. The training is designed to help cohort participants support their schools while deepening their own knowledge of literacy and assessment. They will learn ways to facilitate small groups of teachers in the analysis of student work, begin to understand adult learners, as well as analyze the curricular components necessary to a balanced literacy program. Mid-way through the year, Shannon Stanton or Katherine Casey, literacy consultants, will join the group and provide training in coaching models of demonstration teaching, coaching conferences, and side-by-side coaching. The cohort participants will deepen their coaching skills as well as continue to strengthen their professional network of teacher leaders.

Year #1 (School Year 2013-14)

Session 1: ECIS November Conference: Amsterdam. Nov. 20th - 23rd 2013, 4 -Day Session with Carrie Ekey (Includes 1-Day Pre-Conference and Main Conference).

Session 2: Hosted by American School Hague: Jan 30th - Feb 1st 2014, 3-Day session with Carrie Ekey.

Session 3: Hosted by International School Luxemburg: April 23rd - 26th 2014, 4-Day session with Carrie Ekey and Shannon Stanton or Katherine Casey.

Year #2 (School Year 2014-15)

Session 4: Hosted by the International School Zug and Luzern Nov 12th - 15th 2014, 4-Day Session with Carrie Ekey and Shannon Stanton or Katherine Casey.

Session 5: CEESA Conference, March 2015. 3-Day session.

Feedback from Participants

"The ECIS/CEESA Literacy Coaching Cohort has been an amazing professional development opportunity to work in true collaboration, with on-going support, in building capacity to implement effective balanced literacy practices with focused efforts on improving student learning. One of my most valuable 'take-aways' from this experience has been the relationships I have formed with the other participants. Never in my professional career have I had the opportunity to work so closely with and to learn so much from such a supportive and committed group of educators from around the world!"

Jennifer Hughes

Professional Development and Assessment Coordinator

Anglo-American School of Moscow

"The ECIS Literacy Coaching Cohort has provided me with the knowledge and skills to help make change at my school that will improve student learning. It has been a wonderful, fruitful experience."

Joseph Swinea

The John F. Kennedy School, Berlin

'Training is everything...the more we read, the more we see we have to read!'

Victoria Jones

International School Stavanger

Costings

Note: The registration fee for the host school sessions covers costs for 1 or 2 consultants (flights, hotel, honorarium, meals) shared equally by the cohort. Also included is a small daily fee of for transportation, lunch and coffee breaks. The cohort allows up to 25 participants.

Placeholder figures based on this year's costs would be around: **350 Euro** depending on the Coaches costs. Airfares, hotel costs, and other expenses are the responsibility of the participant, as is the booking of these. Food will be provided during the day.

The ECIS conference fee reflects the Pre and Main conference fees, as would the CEESA conference, so budget on about **600 Euro** for ECIS, and **450 Euro** for CEESA.

So the basic cost outlay over the two years would be about **2100 Euro** excluding airfares, hotels and food.

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