

# Reflections 53rd Annual IATEFL Conference

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Every spring the International Association of English Language

Teachers IATEFL organises one of

the main events for educators involved in English

Language Teaching. This year the event was attended by about 3,000 ELT professionals from five continents. A 4-day programme offered around 500 talks, workshops and symposiums as well as a vibrant social programme. The participants were offered a unique opportunity to meet leading experts, writers, trainers as well as teachers from various types of schools and other institutions to discuss ideas from all sectors of ELT. You could also meet famous Beatles in person 😊



## My top highlights

Gaining a fresh perspective on personalizing our lessons is still possible by watching John Hughes who represented National Geographic Learning. His presentation '*Personalizing the Impersonal*' is available at <https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/article/personalizing-impersonal>



TED talks have become well known among both teachers and pupils. Lewis Lansford's talk shares ideas of using them in the classroom to empower your students' communicative skills.

To learn more, go to <https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/article/anatomy-iceberg-hidden-power-ted-talks> and enjoy '*Anatomy of an iceberg: the hidden power of TED talks*'.

If you are wondering which skills are essential to be mastered by your learners to get great jobs in their future careers, watch the Tim Goodier and Mike Mayor's talk '*Job*

*applications in 2030: Do students have the right skills?'*

at <https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/article/job-applications-2030-do-students-have-right-skills>

I was really honoured being one of the presenters at such a forum and sharing with the audience comfortably sitting in red velvet armchairs in a hall for almost 300 people while actively participating in my interactive talk '*CMC: Curiosity-Motivation-Creativity*'. It offered practical tips on coaching learners to help them better understand their needs and exploit them at school as well as for their future careers

To feel the atmosphere and be a part of it, keep an eye on IATEFL 2020 which will be held in Manchester. It is definitely worth joining in either face to face or virtually. Keep an eye on [www.iatefl.org](http://www.iatefl.org)

Feel free to get in touch with me if you wish to share more.

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*The picturesque venue on the Merseyside*



*Opening plenary*

*The 53rd IATEFL conference in ACC Liverpool 2019 was truly international and the Czech Republic was well represented, too.*

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