

**YELL as digital environment for professional networking
and sharing for language teachers**

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YELL (Young English Language Learners) is a virtual environment open to and created for language teachers, student teachers, university lecturers, teacher trainers and all those who care for and are interested in second/foreign language learning for children, teen-agers and university students. YELL promotes collaboration across educational contexts: it is a virtual meeting place where users can exchange ideas, practices, resources and information about English as a second/foreign language. YELL was born in 2012 thanks to the support of the [L3S Research Center](#) - Leibniz University, Hanover (Germany). Computer developers and educational technologists customized the [LearnWeb](#) platform (developed by them) for the specific requirements of language learning and teaching.

The presentation will outline the characteristics of the YELL environment as a community for teaching, learning, and ongoing applied research where language learners, teachers, educators, university lecturers, education technologists and computer developers collaborate and explore news ways for sharing ideas, learning from the past and looking into the future.