

### Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages

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### **TESOL Italy Marche Local Group**

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## Listening in the Comfort Zone

# **Speaker:** Michael Lacey Freeman

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December** 15:00 – 17:00

hosted by
Liceo "Giacomo Leopardi"
Palazzo Venieri, P.le B. Gigli, Recanati (MC)

This talk will focus on how we can find ways to provide our students with authentic listening experiences that engage them on an intellectual and emotional level. How many times have we heard our students cry, 'non ci capisco niente'? How can we direct our students' attention towards what they do understand, and not only towards what they don't understand? Doing so would increase confidence and provide a basis for students to build on and improve their understanding.

This talk will provide practical tips about what kind of input can be used in the classroom, and how that input can be exploited to bring listening into the comfort zone of the listener.

**Michael Lacey Freeman** has been working in the field of English language teaching for 29 years, both as a teacher and ELT author. In this period, he has prepared and published a great deal of listening material for course books and exams in order to prepare and test students of all levels, and ages. He is also a storyteller and has travelled extensively around Italy and other parts of the world to tell his stories and spread the message that words are powerful. He has won numerous international awards for his stories and supports public education spaces in all continents through video and face to face conferences. In 2014 and 2017 he was the winner of the *ERF Language Learner Literature Award* for his stories, and is currently working on exploring how songs can be used with stories to enhance understanding.

#### FOR INFORMATION AND PRE-REGISTRATION:

Register direct at this link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/t4ansg8">https://tinyurl.com/t4ansg8</a>

or

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### THE DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION IS 4th December

The Seminar is sponsored by Oxford University Press – Carelli Libri

The event is open to TESOL Italy members. For those who are not TESOL Italy members for the current year, a free, one-time **provisional** membership card will be issued. Conditions of this card will be explained onsite by the local group coordinator. **All participants will receive a certificate of attendance.\*** 

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