

Connecting and Supporting Socially Responsible Educators

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What is Social Responsibility?

What are the implications for educators?

Social responsibility is an ethical framework and suggests that an entity, be it an organization or individual, has an obligation to act for the benefit of society at large.

(definition from Wikipedia)

TESOL's Social Responsibility Interest Section

The Social Responsibility Interest Section (SRIS) supports and develops members engaged in integrating language teaching, research, and training with social responsibility, world citizenship, and awareness of global issues such as peace, human rights, and the environment. SRIS promotes social responsibility within the profession to advance social equity, respect for differences, and multicultural understandings through education.

Social Responsibility and Passion

Anastasia's Passions

- Equity for colonized populations
- Investigating inclusion/exclusion of languages used on a daily basis
- Language policy in Palestine and action to end the occupation

Riah's Passions

- Intersectionality (race, gender and linguicism)
- Using the arts to explore social issues
- Locally contextualized pedagogies for African classrooms

Areas of Advocacy

ELL Advocacy

Intersections of Identity and ELT

Professional Learning and Social Justice Resources

Global Issues in Education

EL Advocacy

The EL Advocacy Group serves to build a community within which equitable practices and pedagogies are examined from the theoretical spectrum to innovative practical applications.

- Increase collaboration and expand advocacy programs
- Increase participation of SRIS EL Advocacy community
- Publish about diverse EL Advocacy programs
- Encourage empirical research on advocacy topics

Intersections of Identity and ELT

The Intersections of Identity and ELT domain aims to support language teachers' identit(ies) through attentiveness to individuality.

- Survey community about perceptions of identity
- Plan activities (panels, webinars, articles) based on results
- Create a website with resources about identity and ELT
- Grow members' understanding of identity construction/development and issues within TESOL

Professional Learning and Resources

The Professional Learning strand serves to connect members of the TESOL community who want to unpack specific areas of social justice and equity in education, and includes teacher education, curriculum development and social justice resources.

- Survey community about social justice/equity issues
- Conduct monthly twitter chats based on the topics
- Develop publication proposal on critical equity issues

Global Issues in Education

The Global Issues area includes peace, the environment and economic justice, and focuses on understanding how students, administrators, researchers, civil society can foster new generations of citizens who care about global issues.

- Inquire about ELT, social justice & peace in a globalized world
- Plan webinars, panels or online meetings on these issues
- Propose a publication to disseminate members' work

SRIS Resources

- Quarterly [newsletter](#) on Social Justice themes
 - Submissions for Allyship issue due August 1
- Social Justice Book Club
 - [Teachers as Allies: Transformative Practices for Teaching DREAMers and Undocumented Students](#)
- Online presence ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [MyTESOL](#))
- Webinars throughout the year
- Panels at the annual TESOL convention
- [Social Justice in English Language Teaching](#) book

**Which area fits
your passions?**

Discuss with your group:

- What is your passion?
- How do you integrate your passion into your teaching?
- What does it mean to be a socially responsible educator?
- What challenges do you face?
- Where do you go for support?
- How can you support each other?
- What resources do you have to share?
- What resources do you wish existed?

Get involved with SRIS

- Join the interest section
- Write for the newsletter
- Participate in online discussions
- Join the book club
- Volunteer to be Community Manager
- Suggest or lead a webinar
- Share your ideas and experiences with us
- Submit a proposal for the TESOL convention (due July 2)

Thank you!

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