



A Special Event For Our Members:

Alan Pulverness talks about *Teacher Development*

Monday, 29th October, 2007.

Time: 7 p.m.

**Venue: British Council, 30 Napier Road
Limited Places Only**

Please rsvp--Elizabeth Thorarajoo (STETS Secretary) at tem2@np.edu.sg by 22nd October, 2007

Classroom research and the whole teacher

Foreign language classrooms are complex and highly volatile environments, freighted with intellectual and emotional investment by all the participants. Much of the discussion of humanism in language teaching has centred on self-actualisation for the learner, while the teacher has been seen primarily as the agent who facilitates this process. Classroom research is a powerful instrument for teachers themselves to examine particular episodes of teaching-and-learning. Its investigative cycle of problematising, experimenting and reflecting can enable the teacher not only to be more fully conscious of what is happening in the classroom, but also to develop his / her relationship to the classroom community. This session will outline the principles and practice of classroom research, focusing particularly on its potential in terms of teacher development, and participants will also have the opportunity to try out some practical approaches to planning a sequence of research.

Classroom Research is Teacher Development made explicit
Maria-Elena Perera de Perez

About The Speaker

Alan Pulverness has worked in Canada, Germany, Italy and the UK as an ELT teacher and teacher trainer. He has also acted as a consultant on materials writing and syllabus design projects in Bulgaria, Hungary and Poland. He was Joint Chief Examiner for CEELT (the Cambridge Examination in English for Language Teachers) and is a Chief Moderator for the Cambridge COTE and ICELT teachers' schemes, as well as a DELTA assessor and moderator. He is the author or co-author of a number of ELT textbooks and videos, and is a past recipient of the ESU/Duke of Edinburgh book award. He is currently a freelance author, consultant and teacher trainer and works closely with the Norwich Institute for Language Education as a trainer and course director.