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Maria Davou



Maria Davou is a school owner, teacher, teacher trainer, researcher, author and storyteller. She has a BA in Philosophy, Cambridge DELTA, an MA in TESOL, St Michael's College, Vermont, and has studied for a PhD in Applied Linguistics at Lancaster University, UK, completing her Doctorate degree in Athens.

Maria held an ESRC research award.

She has more than thirty years' experience in teaching, teacher training and syllabus design in Greece, the UK and the US.

Maria is a language school owner in Athens, promoting alternative and experiential models of teaching. She is an international trainer and academic consultant for publishing companies, private schools and Ministries of Education.

Maria is an adjunct professor for the Hellenic American University (HAEC), where she teaches TESOL Management and for the MA in Creative Writing at the University of West Macedonia. She's the co-founder of QUALIFY, teaching Trinity CertTESOL and DipTESOL.

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Gareth Davies



Gareth Davies, also known as Gareth the Storyteller, is a storyteller, teacher, teacher trainer, examiner and writer based in Pontypridd, South Wales. He has been involved in English language teaching since 1995 and has taught or trained in over 40 countries working with Oxford University Press since 2005.

Gareth is interested in creativity in the classroom and how storytelling techniques can help develop students written, spoken and reading skills as well as their listening skills. Away from teaching, Gareth is an author of fiction; his novel *Humans, Being* was published in 2019 and he is currently working on two others.

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Caroline Reading



After nearly 25 years teaching English, primarily in Oxford, Caroline moved into publishing and has worked at Oxford University Press, on both adult and secondary courses for the last 15 years. She is the Product Development Lead (Managing Editor) for Life Vision.

Caroline divides her time between Oxford and a small cottage in the Cotswold and in her free time, she likes history, cooking, reading, playing the piano and gardening.