

## PASSION FOR LEARNING

by **Precious Zeinzinger-Tuitz**



Some of you may know me already from the meet ups, but for those of you who don't, I am Precious Zeinzinger-Tuitz, creator and founder of Learning English Through Action (LETA). I was delighted to be asked to write a little about what we do here at LETA and I hope you find it interesting.

LETA, founded in 2009, is a popular and innovative language centre based in the leafy environs of Hietzing in a renovated space in a charming altbau. At LETA we create effective and holistic learning environments inspired by proven second language training methods. Our method of 'learning by doing' is successfully applied in our language offer for adults and children in Vienna and further a-field. We provide an entry point for anyone, regardless of age and experience, seeking to learn or experience the English language. Alongside language teaching, we also offer creative learning experiences for native English speakers. At the moment we have various courses and workshops running which I will talk about a little more later.

Having worked in international business for a number of years, I changed my focus to language training after discovering an aptitude for teaching when I became a mother for the first time. After completing my English language teacher training, within a year

I found myself overseeing teaching for more than a hundred children. Today, I am pleased to say that LETA's 'learning by doing' methodology has seen hundreds of students successfully learn the English language and it has become an exciting new provider on the educational landscape.

Here is a little about how adults and children can learn with LETA:

### LETA for children

A 'pick n' mix' selection can be made from the yearlong offering to compliment a child's learning preferences and needs. The offer includes specialist workshops, summer camps, individual tutoring and age specific courses such as 'Little Big Students' and 'We Love To Play'. Children who are native English speakers can also access and enjoy the LETA program of workshops and summer camps for creative experiences in the English language.

### LETA for adults and teenagers

From creative writing to discussions about the FTSE 100, LETA offers a mixture of platforms for adults to learn and experience English. Adult teaching includes 1:1 tutorials, workshops and group courses. Business English is also offered via LETA's CELTA qualified teachers. New creative writing workshops are starting in February 2013 alongside a book club, poetry master class and workshops on how to write for children. These are held by Stephen Cuthbertson, who received his Master's degree from Newcastle University in 2010. He is a poet, fiction writer, and is currently working on a stage play. His work has been published in a range of magazines, both in traditional print and online. Originally from Scotland, Stephen settled in Vienna two years ago to teach and write. These classes are available to native English speakers as well as secondary language learners. ••

### A selection of forthcoming LETA events

LETA for adults:

- **English Book Club for non-native speakers**  
every second Sunday from 3rd February 2013
- **Poetry Master Class**  
Mondays from 11th February, 6:30pm – 8:30pm
- **How To Write Children's Books**  
15th February 2013
- **Creative Writing Workshop Weekend**  
February to June dates available
- **Beginning Creative Writing**  
17th February 2013, 6:30pm–8:30pm
- **Intermediate Creative Writing**  
Every Wednesday from 13 February, 6:30pm–8:30pm

LETA for children:

- We are now taking bookings for English Summer Day Camps taking place in Vienna in July and August 2013 and in the new Salzburg camp. We also have a range of workshops including history, crafting, writing, science and drama confirmed for 2013

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