



Seevaratnam Sureshkumar

A Skilled Teacher Trainer

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Profile

A skilled and passionate English Language Teacher Trainer with 20 years of experience including classroom teaching for young, secondary and undergraduate students, writing modules for short term courses, conducting workshops for both students and teachers and publishing research papers related to continuing professional development for language teachers. Improved the students score from 0% to 30% in one year. Outstanding lesson planning skills, classroom management techniques have been successfully practiced through pedagogical training.

Education

Bachelor of Arts

Feb 2012 - Feb 2016

Univeristy of Jaffna, Jaffna

This is the basic degree that I followed and successfully completed in 2016. The degree includes the following subjects.

1. English Literature
2. Political Science
3. Philosophy

Masters in Linguistics

Feb 2017 - Jul 2019

Univeristy of Kelaniya, Kelaniya

This degree includes specially Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Semantics, Structure of English Language, Applied Linguistics and Pragmatics. This is a two-year course that covers research methodology. The research title was,

'Syntactic Errors Committed by Second Language Learning in using Simple Present Tense'

The research includes twenty undergraduate students at Advanced Technological Institute, Kurunagar, Jaffna'.

Employment

Teacher

Sep 2004 - Oct 2019

Ministry of Education, Jaffna

Started career from a rural school in Mullaitivu, Northern province. I developed myself by attending the pedagogical training conducted by British Council in collaboration of Ministry of Education, Sri Lanka.

I learnt through my day-to-day experience of classroom teaching. I have had self-reflection about what went well and what did not. This

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Personal details

Date of birth

February 11, 1978

Place of birth

Jaffna

Driver's license

Motorbike

Gender

Male

Nationality

SriLankan

Civil status

Married

LinkedIn

Sureshkumar Seevaratnam

Education

Skills

Team- Player - works along with the officials of Provincial department of education and NIE

Presentation skills- I presented Digital Poster Presentation for National RESC conference conducted in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023

Good communicator- cultural awareness and self-motivation

Innovative thinking- Scaffolding practices to support learners in classrooms, Think-pair-share

insight motivation enabled me to implement student-centered classroom teaching focusing on their soft skill development. I successfully practiced classroom management by practicing silent way drilling, interactive learning, group works, for maximizing participation of the students.

I encouraged students to involve in sports and extracurricular activities that support a lot in developing the leadership of the students. I led the English literary Association when I was Teaching in J/Kopay Christian College. and encouraged the students launch the magazine called 'SPICE' in 2015.

I wrote several articles for magazines related to English Language Teaching, supplementary materials for Language learning and published a research paper in the symposium conducted by University of Jaffna in 2018.

Teacher Trainer

Oct 2019 - Present

Ministry of Education, Jaffna

1. Participates in the workshop for teacher educators conducted by the Ministry of Education
2. Conducts workshop for the teachers of English, Northern Province
3. Supports for the projects of curriculum relations and capacity building, Provincial Level
4. Motivates teachers for their Professional Development
5. Officiates for National Level English Language and Drama Competition
6. Conducts TOT workshop for senior teachers of English.
7. Writes annual work plans according to the competency and competency levels.
8. Contributes for National Level Educational Publications
9. Writes supplementary materials for GCE O' Level students.
10. Conducts online classes in collaboration of LMDM Unit, Provincial Department of Education, Northern Province.
11. Conducts zoom classes for GCE o' Level Students - English language, English Literature
12. Conducts students' Camps for both English Language and English Literature
13. Conducted Advance Certificate Course in Professional English for the public government servants at MDTU, Northern Province.
14. Published modules for Advance Certificate Course in Professional English
15. Conducted courses for Senior Secondary Students in collaboration on Ministry of Education.

Visiting Lecturer

Feb 2018 - Jul 2023

Ministry of Education, Ja

I delivered lectures for the students of High National Diploma in English and High National Diploma in Business Management at Advanced Technological institute, Jaffna. I did Business Communication and Professional Writing.

Digital Literacy and online teaching

Languages

Tamil

English

Hobbies

- Watching documentary
 - Reading Novels
 - Watching cinema
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Qualities

- Passionate and versatile about my work
- empathize with students and inspire them.
- Teach English as a second language requires an excellent understanding of both verbal and nonverbal communication.
- Gentle and patient
- Enrich the personalized Learning environment.
- innovative, interactive and independent thinking

Courses

Post Graduate Diploma in TESL

Present

I am following the course and successfully completing the first-year examination. The course includes Teaching of grammar, Language Planning and Policy, Phonology, Morphology, Syntax and Semantics, Psychology in education, Principles of Education, Lesson Planning and Teaching Practicum, Principles of Language Teaching and Learning, Testing and Evaluation, Research methods and Report Writing.

Certificates

English for Teaching, British Council

Aug 2016

This course was specially designed for the teachers to achieve B1 Level

TKT, University of Cambridge,

Aug 2015

- Language and Background to language learning and teaching
- Lesson Planning and use of resources for language Teaching
- Managing Teaching Learning process

Provincial School Educational Software Competition 2008

Oct 2008

A Teacher's Competition conducted jointly by Secondary Education Modernization Project II of Ministry of Education and Microsoft Sri Lanka (Pvt) Limited

iTESL

Jul 2019

English Language Teaching Methodology course for Resource persons as a part of the improving Teacher Education in Sri Lanka (iTESL) Project.

Conducted by the British Council in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Sri Lanka

The course covered

- Teaching the 04 skills
 - Teaching Language
 - Classroom Management
 - Checking understanding
 - Assessment
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Achievements

1. Award: 'Connecting Classrooms', conducted by the British Council. The award was given to my school: J/Kopay Christian College 2016. I was the teacher in-charge of the English Union who supported for the achievement.
2. Scholarship was given by the department of Education, Jaffna to follow the course 'TKT'. The course was conducted by British Council in-collaboration of the university of Cambridge.
3. Poster presentation on Self Directed Professional Development.

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The poster was presented on 22nd National RESC Conference and the 7th National Conference on 'Enhancing Performance in language through Teaching and Evaluation' held via zoom in November 2020

4. English Language supplementary material, GCE O' Level 2013, Institution: Examination Council, Zonal Department of Education, Jaffna
5. Competency Based Self Learning Material 202, Institution: Examination Council, Zonal Department of Education, Jaffna
6. Booklet for Annual work plan for English Language Teachers 2020, Institution: Provincial department of Education, Northern Province
7. Contributed for the Case studies from the country by the Council for Business with Britain and the British Council Edited by Leslie Dick. My views on Continuing Professional Development for English Language Teachers were published in the publication- page 33.
8. Suvadur' 2016 & 2017, Institution: old Students; Association, J/Kopay Christian College Date of Publication: 27th December
 - The title of article: 'Learner Autonomy'
 - 'Factive and Non-factive verbs'

Jaffna, January 19, 2024

Extracurricular activities

Teacher Trainer

Sep 2004 – Present

Ministry of Education, Jaffna

Conducts Scrabble camps for Secondary Level Students.

Officiates English Language and Drama Competition: Zonal level, Provincial, National Level

Conducts English Camps in Schools

Writes essays for journals related to Language Teaching.

Internships

Teacher Student

Feb 2003 – Feb 2004

National Institute of Education, Jaffna

I successfully completed my internship at J/Jaffna Central College. I also did a project to enrich the school Library by conducting an exhibition called 'Book Fair'.

The procedures I followed were...

1. Wrote proposal and submitted it to the College of Education for approval.
2. Had a meeting with the principals and other teachers.
3. Drafted a letter to the bookshops requesting them to display their books for sale.
4. Parents had already been informed to visit the exhibition and buy the books.
5. The parents agreed to donate the book that they bought.

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It was a successful project.

Custom section

Cognitive and Analytical

interactive

creativity and critical thinking

Emotions, Learning and the brain

Developing soft skills throughout
learning process

References

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