



TLC PACK

Teaching Languages to Caregivers

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Project Seminar - Cham, Germany

Join us for the TLC Pack project seminar

The TLC Pack team is delighted to share news of the forthcoming project seminar. The seminar will take place in the picturesque town of Cham, in Southern Germany (Bavaria), on the 20th April 2016. The event will be hosted by the TLC Pack project Coordinator, VHS im Landkreis Cham e.v.

The seminar will welcome specialist guests from around Europe, representing the fields of care work, languages and migrant support.

The seminar will deliver a number of presentations including:

- The challenges facing the health sector and European initiatives to address these challenges
- Training of adult health care workers in Germany
- Occupational specific language learning



In addition to showcasing the TLC Pack project resources, a session will be dedicated to the methodology that underpins the project resources and the wider project rationale.

Designated round-table sessions will address:

- Implementation of TLC Pack within national contexts, including the deployment of TLC Pack resources within the workplace
- Language profiling in the work place, along with sector specific topics
- Multi-sectoral approaches to vocational training, to include language acquisition and use

As a friend of the project you are invited to attend the seminar at no cost. Assistance can be provided in securing local accommodation if you wish to take up this offer. Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with delegates and specialist guests from around Europe, with opportunities for directed and spontaneous discussion.

For further information and/or to request assistance with booking and attendance, please contact the project coordinator at:

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Not attending? Remember that you can still access **FREE** project resources via the TLC Pack web site.

TLC Pack on TV



The TLC Pack project was recently featured on the regional Belgium TV Channel ATV, reaching a potential audience of 1.7 million people. Featuring Fatoumata, a migrant caregiver from Guinea, the video was praised by the journalist in attempting to avoid a 'Babylonian language confusion' between staff and residents within care facilities, in addition to raising pertinent cultural issues. The news item can be viewed via this [link](#).

National conference presentation



The Volkshochschule im Landkreis Cham e.V. was selected to present the project TLC Pack at the German national conference for languages, hosted in Heidelberg, from 12th-13th November 2015. Eva Salomonova, co-creator of the German TLC Pack learning materials, presented the materials during the session

“From the practice, for the practice: innovative ideas from the world of the VHS” for about 100 experts.

EuroCALL

'TLC Pack unpacked' was the title of a presentation on the language course presented on EuroCALL 2015 at the University of Padova (Italy).



EuroCALL is an annual conference by the European Association for Computer-Assisted Language Learning (CALL). The TLC Pack project was represented via a presentation by Margret Oberhofer and Jozef Colpaert, in which they discussed the TLC Pack course design and the challenges they faced when developing the language materials. The analysis was also published in the [EuroCall proceedings](#).

TLC Pack at NCA conference

UK project partner LEAP has secured a presentation slot at the UK National Care Association (NCA) conference in April 2016. The NCA represents over 2000 independent care homes. The conference will be attended by independent care providers from around the UK, providing an appropriate audience to hear about the TLC pack project.

South West languages conference

Members of the LEAP team visited the South West language conference, hosted by Bath Spa university (26.01.16). The TLC Pack project received a lot of interest from delegates, as well as from the organisational team. With the majority



of visitors involved in language teaching, there was significant interest in utilising the TLC Pack resources within more general language learning contexts, as evidenced by questions and comments that emerged during the project presentation.

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- Volkshochschule im Landkreis Cham, (coordinator) Germany www.vhs-cham.de
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