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# Oxford Professional Development

## FOR SECONDARY TEACHERS

15<sup>th</sup> October 2014 | ÚSTÍ nad LABEM  
Severočeská vědecká knihovna,  
W. Churchilla 3

### PROGRAMME

13:30 – 13:50	Registration
13:50 – 14:00	Introduction
14:00 – 15:00	Seminar 1
15:00 – 15:30	Update on OUP titles, coffee break
15:30 – 16:30	Seminar 2
16:30	Raffle



## Individual or part of a group – the paradox of teenagers

One of the biggest complaints from teenagers about school is that ‘the teachers don’t even know our names’. They want to be seen as individuals and not just one of the herd. Yet they often have a herd mentality, hunting in packs, sticking with the same friends, not wanting to be picked out in class and not wanting to appear different. So how do we as teachers get the right balance between treating the students as individuals and allowing them to be part of the crowd? In this session we try to answer this paradox by sharing best practice and demonstrating practical activities that allow the students’ personalities to shine from the safety of the group.



**Gareth Davies** is a teacher and teacher trainer based in Prague, Czech Republic. He has been involved in the ELT industry since 1995 teaching in Portugal, Spain, the Czech Republic and the UK. From 2001 to 2008 he ran a Trinity CertTESOL course and since 2005 has been developing and delivering teacher training for Oxford University Press. Gareth also contributes to some OUP material including local editions of *Headway* and *Solutions*. Gareth has recently completed a 3 month sabbatical teaching in San Sebastian where he reminded himself about the challenges of teaching groups of teens.

## Team activities for the classroom – working together with everybody playing their part

Everybody can be creative, but sometimes they need a little help and encouragement. This workshop will introduce a number of practical activities which give students wide scope for expressing their original ideas, whilst, hopefully, not making them feel awkward or exposed.

The main focus will be on drama and improvisation activities. These are an ideal tool for helping students to show their individuality from within the safety of a group. However, the workshop will also look at how to get everybody involved in a group activity (i.e. not have the stronger students dominate) and also how to make an atmosphere in the classroom where students feel happy to contribute.



**David Fisher** is the founder and director of *The Bear Educational Theatre*. The Bear aims to motivate students of English by creating and performing interactive theatre shows. Over the last fifteen years the theatre has enjoyed great success in seven different European countries, while David himself has been invited to lead methodology workshops at many conferences. David has featured in over 20 films including *Dune*, *Joan of Arc*, and *Doctor Zhivago*, *A Knight's Tale* and *Hitler: The Rise of Evil* (TV versions).

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**We look forward to seeing you at this event.**