

Making Sure your Classes are Magical

THE TESOL-FRANCE WORKSHOP: (20 participants maximum)

Date: January 11th 2020 from 2.00 pm to 5:30 pm.

As 90% of our mental processes are unconscious, a teaching approach that only appeals to our rational minds turns its back on 90% of our potential!

Created in Bulgaria by teams of doctors and psychiatrists in the 1960's and 1970's, Suggestopedia activates the reserve capacities of the unconscious mind. Its three seminal discoveries have been:

- Peripheral perception – and not direct perception! – is linked to long-term memory.
- Phase encirclement and paradoxical states result in an inversion between strong and weak stimuli, the latter having a stronger impact
- “Fun” is how our unconscious mind lets us know that we are on a constructive course and we naturally remember things endowed with positive emotional meaning.

This three-hour session (including a 20-minute break) will

- demonstrate what Suggestopedia applied to EFL looks like,
- let you explore how your mind really works,
- show how a certain kind of invisible management can speed learning up threefold



Other themes of the afternoon:

- use of music to raise IQ and give emotional meaning to content;
- use of music to induce changes in brain activity that favour retention;
- class planning that fits in with the alternating dominances of the two brain hemispheres;
- the integration of art and movement to speed up assimilation; the changing of activities every 7 or 8 minutes to create variety, make teaching seamless and distort time such that a 90-minute session only feels like it has been 35 or 40 minutes long.

The aim of this afternoon workshop is not merely for participants to pick up a few new ideas; the workshop leader hopes to posit a radically different – and liberating – concept of what communication is and how learning actually takes place. He also hopes to have a good time doing all of this.



THE VENUE:

Venue: British Council Building, 9 Rue de Constantine, 75007 Paris. Room: Turner Room
Directions:

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THE PRESENTER: Lonny Gold

Lonny hated school with a passion... and went into education with a vengeance. The more his teachers taught, the worse he felt. His unconscious mind knew something was desperately wrong; it didn't yet know that it all had to do with "languaging". Originally Canadian, Lonny has been at the core of Suggestopedia since 1978 and runs AL training courses worldwide on teaching to the unconscious mind. He founded France's Conseil national de Suggestologie, is a founding member of Sweden's original Suggestopedic Academy and was on Britain's SEAL board for six years. An accredited trainer with Germany's DGSL, and a Level III Trainer with IAL in the US, he has been certifying other AL teachers for 35 years. Lonny has taught at the Sorbonne, been a full-time teacher at ESSEC, worked with the State Planning Commission in China, the Provincial Government of Hainan and has created a Suggestopedic school curriculum in northern Sweden. His central focus, however, is the creation of a new culture of communication that ensures safety, encourages risk and transcends existing norms. www.lonnygold.com



ENROLMENT:

You must enrol beforehand and your name must be on a list of registered people.
Please bring a photo ID to present at the entrance to the venue.

This event is FREE to TESOL France members.

Non-member registration fee: €8. Please bring exact change.

