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It is with pride that I welcome you all to this Prolant Cap newsletter issue. It's the last issue within our project scope but at the same time it's the first issue in which I would like to announce the new life journey of the Prolant Cap „product“. One might ask what do I mean by „products“? Well, in this case we need to look at the two main aims of the project and we will get the answer. No 1 – was to produce the Career path for a professional language trainer and No 2 was to produce two handbooks/course materials for two sectors – automotive and tourism. Neither of these will function on its own as we had the combination and „relationship“ of these two in mind when we were preparing this project.



We firmly believe that the current foreign language market offers great, exceptional trainers who work hard and are already beyond what's understood to be „a foreign language trainer“. The Prolant Cap Career Path is going to function as the distinguishing tool that will enable language providers to lead their trainers towards professional excellence and so help them progress in their careers. We also offer these trainers professional training programmes that they can provide to the customers in these two sectors. Not only do we provide the Career Path and the programmes but fundamentally we are ready to lead our trainers in their career paths so that their work will be recognized by the customers. Who plays the crucial role in this „game“ is the middle part – the language providers. They need to combine the needs of both sides – their trainers and their customers and find the way out of the current situation towards a brighter and more valuable future. We rely on the functional management model of Learn&Lead that provides a clear structure in the organisation and implementation of both – the career path and the innovative sector-specific training courses.

Finally I want to thank all the partners in this project for their great cooperation, inspiration and passion they have put into their work for this project.

I have met great new people who have enriched my personal and professional life and feel very thankful for their individual contributions. I would like to especially thank:

VICKI PLANT from the French team for her enormous effort, hard work, coordination, encouragement and strong will power to keep up the high spirit of work in our team,

LINDA POLKOWSKI from the UK team for her great support, CLIL expertise and guidance,

ADELA VITKOVSKA from the Latvian team for her determination, in-depth business talks and inspiration in quality management,

DANIEL BACIK from the Slovakian team for his dedication, flexibility, determination and hope that he has given to the project idea from its very early beginnings in September 2014 at a meeting of the Slovak Association of Language Schools.

I would also like to thank our partners, namely the representatives and employees of the PSA GROUP and DUALNA AKADEMIA from Slovakia for their professional insights into the production of the Handbook for the automotive sector and their first feed-back on the pilot training courses organized in May 2017. Also I feel thankful to Trnava Self-governing Region and Hotel Academy of Ľudovít Winter in Piešťanoch, Slovakia.

We know there is a lot of hard work coming but as we love what we do and we know WHY we do it, we find joy and happiness on the journey.

We are very excited about the launch of the first Prolant Cap events – workshops, courses, conferences that are already underway.

I personally look forward to seeing you soon somewhere in Europe! Let's keep our fingers crossed for the successful future of the Prolant Cap „products“!

Love,
Jana Chynoradska



Jana with Adrian Underhill at the 1st Prolant Cap Conference in Bratislava, Slovakia. June 2017

Dear Adrian, you facilitated the 1st Prolant Cap Conference in Bratislava. What was it like for you?

For me it is a pleasure to be with people who are learning and inquiring, while trying to develop human situations for the benefit of all.

When you were asked to come and lead the Conference, what was in it that persuaded you to come and join this young idea/project/team?

I am attracted by innovation especially when it is connected with a passion for intelligent change

Your presentation was titled „Leading, learning and organisations“ – what is the main message in it?

That everyone can practise leadership. It is not something reserved for the few that makes the rest of us into followers, but something that we can all do with our own characters and from our own positions, BUT we need to develop a world view of connectivity. So the new discipline for all is systems thinking.

Who did you meet at the Conference? Was there a moment you remember the most?

Delightful conversations with many people.

You agreed to become a „God father“ to the Prolant Cap Team and so you are going to the 2nd Prolant Cap that will take place in the first week of June 2018 at Anglolang Academy, in Scarborough, England.

I hope to be there, and it is pencilled in, but can't confirm until we have dates.

What do you think this is going to be like? Where will have Prolant Cap grown and developed by then?

That's what I'm looking forward to seeing. Already a number of forward looking questions and suggestions have been discussed. There will be a lot of work and many distractions. A lot will depend on how you Jana manage the next step, so that you can share the leadership with a few others so that you do not wear yourself out, and can overcome the difficulties. PLUS it allows a diversity of ideas and approaches and valuable team skills, PLUS if this small ad hoc committee is well chosen and made clear to all, then everybody feels represented and everyone is kept on board and committed.

I say 'ad hoc' committee so you don't have to create a formal structure, until later in the process when you can see how it's all going.

It may well be that you have already done something like this, or have developed a better alternative.

Thanks again for the great experience and good luck with the project!

Adrian

PROLANT CAP 2nd Conference

SCARBOROUGH, UK, JUNE 1-2nd 2018



We are proud to announce that the second

Prolant Cap conference 2018

is to be held in the beautiful seaside town of Scarborough, North Yorkshire, UK.

Who is the conference for?

Our project partners and trainers who are interested in developing their career as Prolant Cap trainers
Any other trainers who are seeking fresh career opportunities in ELT
Any language school owners/managers who would like to become part of the Prolant Cap network
Anybody seeking innovation in sector-specific ELT

The conference will be a chance to look back at the project, evaluate our work so far and evaluate progress since September 2017, the end of the project.

The conference venue

Anglolang Academy is a British Council-accredited, Quality English school, recently voted Best English Language School in Northern England (English Language Stars 2015) and awarded the title of Centre of Excellence (EL Gazette 2015). The school is conveniently located within walking distance of the train station, town centre and beaches. The nearest airports are Leeds Bradford and Manchester.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Friday 1st June

1 – 2 Registration of the participants

2 – 2.15 Welcome speech by Linda Polkowski. Vice Principal, Anglolang Academy

2.15 – 3.15 “NOW and future vision of Prolant Cap”

Plenary by Jana Chynoradska, Founder of Prolant Cap and Learn & Lead, chair of the Slovak Language Assoc. and Owner of Harmony Academy

Coffee break 15 min

3.30 – 4.30 – Workshop sessions and presentations*

Coffee break 15 min

Followed by free time and dinner.

Saturday 2nd June

9.00 – 10.00 Workshop sessions/presentations

Coffee break 15 min

10.15 – 11.15 Workshop sessions/presentations

Lunch break 75 min

12.30 – 1.30 Workshop sessions/presentations

Coffee break 15 min

– 2.45 Closing plenary and raffle

3.00 End of the Conference

