

LTF Pre-conference workshop 2019

TOPIC: CORPUS LINGUISTICS FOR RESEARCHERS AND PRACTITIONERS

This LTF workshop will be of interest to those wishing to use corpus techniques effectively and efficiently for research and practitioner purposes. Participants will have the opportunity to explore English language and Welsh language corpora, to consider the wide range of applications of corpus research, and to develop skills for identifying and using corpora for specific purposes.

WORKSHOP SESSION 1, 10.30-12.30:

“Creating and interrogating corpora: A roadmap for researchers”

Dawn Knight, Reader in Applied Linguistics, Cardiff University

This session will demonstrate how corpus tools can be used to maximum effect in addressing specific research questions. Tools for building bespoke corpora will be explored, and a principled framework for the selection and use of existing corpora will be provided.

WORKSHOP SESSION 2, 13.30-15.00:

“Exploring the National Corpus of Contemporary Welsh (CorCenCC): user-driven corpus design for under-resourced languages”

Dawn Knight, Reader in Applied Linguistics, Cardiff University
Steve Morris, Associate Professor in Welsh and Applied Linguistics, Swansea University.

This workshop session will demonstrate how community and end-user participation can be incorporated into corpus design, and will explore the relationship between corpus linguistics and language policy. Participants will have the opportunity to trial and review a newly-released corpus interface.

WORKSHOP SESSION 3, 15.30-17.00:

“Using corpora to inform CEFR-linked assessment practices: An EAP practitioner perspective”

Lucy Davies, Assessment Coordinator and Trainer, English Language Training Services (ELTS), Swansea University.

This workshop session will demonstrate how a publicly available learner corpus, tagged for CEFR* level, can be used to support the assessment of learners' language output (*Common European Framework of Reference).