***Minutes of C Group Meeting, Manchester IATEFL, 12 April 2015.***

*The meeting was attended by around 60-70 participants, roughly half of them already members - the rest potential new members. About half from UK - half from overseas.*

*The Agenda is attached, as is the Position paper distributed to members before the meeting.*

*Alan Maley chaired the meeting. He began by thanking IATEFL for providing the room and Pilgrims (Jim Wright) for their generous support to the C Group by printing the flier, and sponsoring one C group member to present at JALT 2015.*

*He emphasised the need for the meeting to come to some concrete, practical decisions, and invited ideas and suggestions for future activities.*

1. ***Report on activities to date. (Please see the Position paper, attached.)***
2. ***Possible future structure and allocation of responsibilities:***
3. *Three members had volunteered their services as a Steering group to vet and monitor the activities of the group. They are****: Chaz Pugliese, Jane Spiro and Amos Paran.***  *They will take over immediately and serve at least until IATEFL 2016.*
4. *Volunteers were invited to take on specific areas of responsibility. The response was extremely positive and encouraging. The following responsibilities were allocated:*

*~ Website manager. This will remain with* ***Chris Lima****.*

*~ On-line activities organiser.* ***Malu Sciamarelli****.*

*~ Publications:* ***Rakesh Bhanot*** *and* ***Joel Josephson****.*

*~ Memberships:* ***Susan Hillyard***

*~ Events organiser/coordinator:* ***Jane Spiro****.*

*~ Liaison with other bodies / publicity. No one volunteered for this in relation to the C group as a whole. However, three people came forward offering to deal with this regionally:*

***Kirti Kapur****, India.*

***Claudia Ferradas****. Latin America*

***Dina Blanco-Ioannou****. Europe.*

*~ IATEFL 2016, C Group events coordinator:* ***Adrian Tennant****.*

*~ Editor of the HLT Mag regular special feature****: Chaz Pugliese.***

*~ Finance and legal structure.* ***Amos Paran.***

1. ***Ideas for future events, publications, activities.***
2. *Possible joint events:*

*~* ***Margit Szesztay*** *will look into the possibility of an event with GISIG, possibly at IATEFL 2016.*

*~* ***Alan Pulverness*** *indicated interest from NILE in a joint event.*

*~* ***Nick Bilbrough*** *will look into a possible follow-up to last year’s Spontaneity workshop in Birmingham with C group input. This might be run in Turkey.*

*~* ***Marisa Constantinides*** *suggested we contact the Associates rep for Greece (??) – and Anna Parisi from SEETA (South Eastern Europe Teachers Associations). And* ***Aleksandra Popowska*** *suggested an event with ELTAM (Macedonia).*

*~ Conference in* ***Malta,*** *October 2015. Both Chaz Pugliese and Alan Maley will be plenary speakers. Possibly include a C Group element?*

*~* ***IATEFL Hungary****, 25th anniversary conference, October 2015 in Budapest. Alan Maley will give the keynote, and Peter Medgyes, Margit Szesztay, David Hill and Andrew Wright are all taking part. Possibly include a C Group element.*

*~ Ailsa Deverick from* ***tesolanz*** *mentioned their 2016 conference in Hamilton, New Zealand.*

1. ***Margit Szesztay*** *suggested possible other initiatives in co-operation with GISIG:*

*~ A T-shirt iron-on design for members to wear to next year’s IATEFL (This would benefit from a* ***C group logo*** *– possibly chosen by a competition?)* ***Mojca Belak*** *may also have ideas on how to go about this in practical terms.*

*~ A specially designed calendar of ‘special days’ (ie. events which might resonate with the aims of C group and GISIG.) eg. World Autism Day, etc. Ideas to come from members.*

*~ Joint events with other SIGs were also mentioned – eg. TD SIG, TTeD SIG, etc.*

1. ***Scholarships.***

*~* ***Jim Wright*** *offered a C group scholarship to enable a member to participate in the Pilgrim’s summer course. This would be in honour of Bonnie Tsai, who passed away last year.*

*~* ***Danny Norrington-Davies*** *suggested we should mount a C group scholarship to enable a C group member to attend next year’s IATEFL Conference. Possibly approach OneStopEnglish for support?*

1. *Two on-going initiatives were also mentioned:*

*~ The joint C Group/ LCMS SIG event,* ***Teachers Create Learners Create****, to take place in* ***Oxford on 22-23 May****. Members are urged to take part if they possibly can. Contact:* *eleanor@iatefl.org**, jspiro@brookes.ac.uk* *chrislima90@yahoo.co.uk*

*~ The Call for Papers of* ***The Educational Journal of Living Theories****. This is a special C Group number. Contact is* *jspiro@brookes.ac.uk*

1. ***Jill Hadfield*** *suggested the possibility of the C Group offering some kind of mentoring service to less experienced members.*
2. ***Martin Eayrs*** *suggested the C Group should pursue work in multi-media areas of creativity.*
3. ***Any other business.***

 *There was some discussion of the future legal status of the C group. Clearly at some point we shall have to come to a decision on this. Possibilities include applying to become an IATEFL SIG, applying for charitable status, etc. Amos Paran has undertaken to look into all possible options as part of his special responsibility for ‘Finance and Legal Structure’. No decisions would be made without widespread consultation of the membership.*

*Alan Maley and Amos Paran. 25 April 2016.*