

## Workshop

## Language Villages as Inclusive Speaking Environments in the EFL Classroom

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Explore the concept of Language Villages, an innovative method to create dynamic, inclusive speaking environments in the EFL classroom. Language Villages immerse students in real-world scenarios to promote active language use, transcultural exchange and collaborative learning. This approach encourages students to engage in authentic conversations, build confidence and practice English in context, breaking down traditional classroom barriers.

In the first part of the workshop (at university), participants will learn how to design Language Village stations, simulating environments like cafes, markets or travel agencies. Groups will create activities focused on speaking skills, inclusive for students of all levels.

In the second part, participants will test their stations in a real classroom setting with students, observing how this method fosters speaking practice in a fun, interactive way. The second part takes place in the Eichendorffschule Wolfsburg and includes several breaks.

