

TESOL Arabia

Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages



TESOL Arabia Abu Dhabi Chapter Meeting **April 22, Thursday**

Location: The Petroleum Institute

Time: 10:00 to 12:00 P.M. noon

Tools used to create online communities of learner- and teacher-collaborators

Vance Stevens

Webheads comprises a number of communities of practice of language students and teachers, who meet regularly online to explore ways of using the latest free communications technologies that work over the Internet for language learning and teacher training <http://www.webheads.info>

The use of these tools is simpler than many people think and novice computer users can use them successfully. *Webheads* have documented their experiences <http://www.homestead.com/prosites-vstevens/files/efl/papers/tesol/colloquium2004/fun00.htm>

Participants will be introduced to a remote audience of *Webheads*, who will tune in live and online. Participants will hear their voices and view some of their web cams. Next participants will experiment with the tools hands-on. The demonstration will close with a discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of using these tools with students and teachers.

About the presenter: Vance Stevens has presented locally and internationally on IT and started the *Webheads*.

Directions: Coming from Abu Dhabi, head towards the *Maqta Bridge* (about 20 minutes out of Abu Dhabi proper), which is after the *Immigration Bridge*. (Notice that there is a sign over the *Immigration Bridge* which points straight ahead to the *Maqta Bridge*.) Immediately after crossing the bridge, indicate right. Take the first turning on the right, which is where you will see the *BMW showroom* (on your left-hand side). Turn into the road on your right and continue along this road, passing *Land Rover* and the *Drug Enforcement Agency* on your left, and driving (*turning right eventually*) under the

road bridge. Continue on this road passing the *Milko* and *Oasis* depots on your left, then *Daewoo*, then the shops, then the *Jaguar showroom*. At the end of this road straight in front of you, you will find the Petroleum Institute car park. Park here, then look for the PI/TESOL Arabia signs indicating the way into the Back Entrance of the PI.

If coming from Al-Ain / Dubai, follow signs for Abu Dhabi and take the first turning on your right as per instructions for those coming from Abu Dhabi.

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Remember to bring your TESOL Arabia membership card with you for registration purposes.

