



To : Disabled Access Friendly
From: President, TESOL France
Date: 31 December 2012

Message of Endorsement for the *Disabled Access Friendly* Campaign

On behalf of the TESOL France Executive Committee and its members, I welcome this chance to demonstrate our support for the *Disabled Access Friendly* campaign.

Promoting equal rights begins first and foremost with education and English language teaching, with its inclusive approach to learning, offers the perfect forum for debate and discussion around this all-important human rights issue.

Recent UN statistics affirm that more than one billion people worldwide currently live with some form of disability. The *Disabled Access Friendly* campaign provides opportunities for ELT trainers not only to raise awareness of the implications of living with mobility issues, but also helping ensure that each and every one of us enjoys equal rights and feels empowered to participate fully in all aspects of life.

TESOL France fully endorses this initiative to help fight discrimination in this area of society in particular in terms of education and language training. The 31st Annual TESOL France Colloquium (16-18 November 2012) played host to the *Disabled Access Friendly* campaign and we sincerely hope that its presence served to highlight the potential and invaluable role of ELT trainers in this domain.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bethany Cagnol'.

Bethany Cagnol
President