

”Culture Exchange”: A Community of Practice to Enhance English Communication Skills and Promote Vietnamese Culture

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With the goal of assisting university students in my local community of Nam Tu Liem District, Hanoi in utilizing authentic English in real-life contexts, I have successfully established a community of practice through my signature “Culture Exchange” events. This initiative is known as a free and creative learning environment for enhancing the English communication and cross-cultural skills of our local students, while also showcasing Vietnamese culture to foreign visitors.

To date, our team has organized approximately 50 culture exchange events over the past six years. These events have attracted over 250 inspiring foreign guests from diverse countries such as the U.S., the U.K., Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, and more. “Culture Exchange” has thus become a regular social gathering where Vietnamese students can hone their communicative English skills and introduce their foreign friends to unique aspects of Vietnamese culture, including local cuisine, handicrafts, and dance performances.

At the VietTESOL International Convention 2024, as the project leader, I will provide an overview of my community of practice, covering its inception, planning, staffing, recruitment of foreign guests and Vietnamese participants, implementation, and personal insights gained from developing this community project.

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