

# The Simon Greenall Award

Bringing people together through learning English



**The Simon Greenall Award 2023** is now open for applications.

**The purpose** of this Award is to support a language project which brings people together through learning English.

**The award offers** six hours of mentoring, as well as help in promoting and developing the project and making it more globally visible, and a small grant for equipment and expenses. The winning project could be a new or already running

**For the guidelines and application** go [here](#).

**Closing date:** 31st March 2023

**The award celebrates the life and work of Simon Greenall OBE**, teacher, trainer, materials writer, President of IATEFL, trustee of International House. It is sponsored by Macmillan Education, International House London and International House World.

In the course of his work, Simon travelled around the world, and wherever he went, he made friends. He was a great communicator and in creating the award we decided that it should be about 'bringing people together through learning English'.

**The first mentors were Jill and Charlie Hadfield.** Jill has an extensive career in materials writing and teacher training and Charlie has worked with the British Council helping to develop English Language Teaching projects.

**The winner of the first award, in 2021, was the Dau Dau project** run by Sirhajwan Idek and Nurazilah Othman of Keningau College in Sabah, Borneo, Malaysia. Their work uses folk tales to bring together the different peoples of Malaysia with their different traditions and languages. Storytelling, dance, puppetry, theatre, and song are all part of the rich mix.

Jill and Charlie held virtual mentoring meetings with the Dau Dau project, and during this time the project linked up with the Kuala Lumpur Shakespeare players, the Hands Up Project and David Heathfield's Storytelling work.

The Simon Greenall Award also enabled Dau Dau to present themselves on a more global stage, for example through the 2021 Macmillan Global Festival Conference, with the

Ministry of Education, local and national press and broadcasters becoming interested in their work.

More about the Dau Dau project [here](#).

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