

Workshop on accent reduction and voice quality for trainee interpreters

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Abstract:

The focus of the workshop will be learning and practicing techniques of accent improvement for interpreters in training who work in the English language. The session will start with vocal warm-ups and breathing exercises. Voice quality will be stressed through tips on vocal hygiene and non-abusive voice use. Accurate articulatory positions will be demonstrated as well as strategies for producing fluent and effortless speech in the English language. The speaker will present the computer freeware PRAAT for practicing pronunciation as well as self-monitoring vocal quality.

