

## Candidate's Personal Information for National Council Elected Position

### **KIRSTEN RAZZAQ**

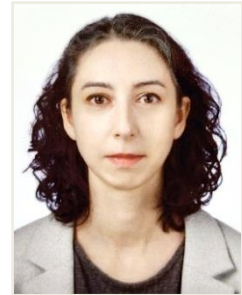
Candidate for Second Vice President

#### **Affiliations**

Yondong Elementary School, Busan  
Busan-Gyeongnam Chapter KOTESOL

#### **KOTESOL Membership**

January 2019 – Present



#### **Education**

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- MA TESOL, University of Sunderland, U.K.
  - BA Design, Kingston University, London
  - CELTA, Saxoncourt Teacher Training Centre, London
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#### **Work Experience**

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- Yondong Elementary School, Busan, March 2017 – Present, English Teacher
  - Anjin Elementary School, Busan, March 2021 – Present, English Teacher
  - NIIED (국립국제교육원), January 2020 – Present, Invited Lecturer for EPIK and TaLK Orientation
  - BMCOE Education News, March 2020 – Present, English Language Editor  
<http://www.pen.go.kr/english/index.pen>
  - London LAL English Language School, September 2016 – January 2017, English Teacher
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#### **KOTESOL Service**

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- National Service
    - Program Chair for KOTESOL 2021 National Conference, May 2021 – Present
  - Chapter Service
    - Busan-Gyeongnam Secretary, November 2020 – Present
    - Chapter member since 2019
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## Candidate's Personal Statement

Dear Election Committee,

I would like to be considered as a candidate for the Second Vice President position on the KOTESOL National Council. I have a proven track record within KOTESOL and bring experience from a career in the U.K. creative industry (advertising and digital media) and English language education in London and Busan.

As Program chair for KOTESOL 2021 National Conference and Film Festival, it has been an exciting few months working with the Conference Committee and volunteers in preparation. I successfully recruited, briefed, and managed the review team. This required quickly gaining knowledge of the content management system [Edzilla](#) from both team members and the site developers, then training reviewers and the Film Festival Chair. I have had the chance to nurture relationships with KOTESOL members around the peninsula and beyond. In June, I collaborated with the PR Chair Lisa Hunsberger, who is based in Japan, to give a workshop on creating video abstracts, an innovation which challenged me once again to broaden my skill set.

In my role as Busan-Gyeongnam chapter secretary, it was my goal this year to connect members with opportunities for reflection, self-growth, and professional development. I have curated a periodic newsletter, and in April, I facilitated a reflective practice workshop, which discussed and acknowledged as individuals and a community of educators how far we have come a year on from the start of the pandemic whilst facing unconventional teaching situations. In November, I will be serving KOTESOL as an international representative at JALT 2021 online.

I would like to continue to serve our members and council more broadly through the role of Second Vice President. I am excited by the opportunity to organize and facilitate the KOTESOL Connections event, and to assist the Special Interest Groups and identify their needs. SIGs play an important role in helping our members develop in their specific areas of interest and share knowledge. This aligns with my core values of reflection, connection, inspiration, and compassion. As a proactive communicator, I would oversee Korea Teacher Training and its finances, and act as liaison with the council.

I believe this role will challenge me with new opportunities and responsibilities, and I am confident I can contribute my unique perspectives and open communicative style to fulfil the requirements of the role. Thank you for considering me for this position.

Kirsten Razzaq



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