

***Coming Together, Staying Together for Greek***

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**Using Authentic Texts for Stage 4 - 6 Language Learning and Assessment**

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This presentation will demonstrate how teachers can use every day texts in Modern Greek (television commercials, print advertisements, catalogues and websites) to design assessment tasks and learning activities for the new syllabus and its focus on the use of language in 'real life' contexts. The use of authentic texts is central in developing a sense of purpose and validity in students' language acquisition as the rich language used in everyday contexts provide students with quality examples of the language used by native speakers in their everyday lives. Engaging with and understanding authentic texts regularly can be both rewarding and motivating for secondary students in their language learning.

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