



Inspiring Innovations in Language Teaching

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Channel View Publications Ltd, United Kingdom, 1995. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 204 x 146 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. The author considers in lively detail four examples of innovations in foreign language teaching within a Scottish context: languages in the primary school, the Lothian curriculum renewal project, perspectives of an innovative school department and a training institution s partnership approach to initial teacher training. Beside each Scottish example are set complementary pieces involving developments in other parts of the world: Australia s National Language Policy, the Bangalore project from India, New Zealand s public service reforms and an American institutional approach to innovation. Combined, they help to illuminate some key issues which the book explores. Part 1 is concerned with the need of innovation for legitimacy and the conflict between central control and local initiative. The subject of Part 2 is the potential of a campaigning model to foster curriculum renewal; driven by issues, not ideologies, with participants, not recipients, leaders, not managers, campaigns involve teachers in their own development in a unique manner. Part 3 considers how organisational structures can enhance teachers capacities for innovation, while Part 4 examines ways of releasing and sustaining teachers creativity.



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