

Flightspeak was founded in 2004 by Mike Mc Grath and Margot Riera as specialist aviation English training agency.

Mike Mc Grath has worked in the language training business for over 35 years and is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin. After an initial period as a teacher of EFL, Mike moved into the aviation sector in 1977 as a trainer with Air Service Training's English language school in Perth Scotland. Mike eventually rose to the deputy headship of this establishment before leaving in 1992 to found his own training consultancy.

Mike subsequently worked with BAE Systems in Vietnam and later set up their English language training programme for pilot cadets at the BAE Flying College in Prestwick, Scotland.

More recent work has involved preparing Flying instructors of the French government flight training agency SEFA in instructional techniques in English and the design and implementation of an aviation language training programme funded by the EU in South-East Asia. As well as a first degree, Mike possesses a post graduate certificate in education from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth and the Royal Society of Arts diploma in teaching English as a foreign language to Adults.

Mike is a member of the board of the International Civil Aviation English Association (ICAEA)

Margot Riera is a native of Catalunya where she graduated in librarianship. Margot moved to the UK in 1978 and taught Spanish at Perth College of Further Education for several years as well as helping to design the college's distance learning courses in Spanish. She then returned to University and obtained a degree in Accountancy before eventually qualifying as a chartered accountant. Her accountancy career involved a cross section of business experience and a knowledge of business systems which she now applies to the training of English language in business and organisations. Margot has the CELTA qualification obtained at International House Barcelona.

Between them Margot and Mike now run Flightspeak's international consultancy and training activities. These include short intensive, specialist English uplift courses in the aviation sphere, train the trainer activities and materials preparation as well as conference and seminar appearances.

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