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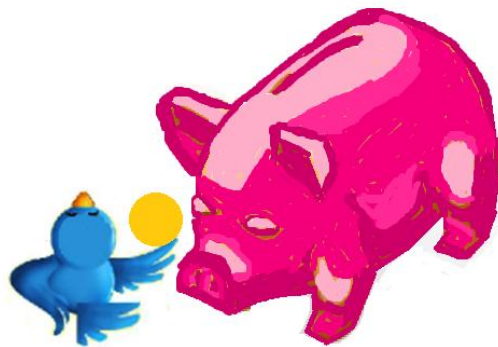
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Gifted Resources News

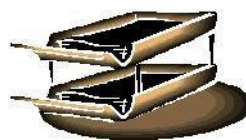
In the August newsletter you will find news of some upcoming conferences, seminars, courses and programs as well as links to interesting websites and blogs.

A really exciting piece of news is that the 22nd World Gifted Conference will be held in Sydney Australia in 2017. As current President of the WCGTC, Leslie Graves said in a post on Facebook:

22nd #WCGTC17 World Conference will be in Sydney, Australia - let the saving begin, and the piggy banks appear... [http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/...](http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/) a most exciting location!



WHAT'S IN THE IN TRAY?



These items have been received recently and can be found in the In Tray which is located on the Home page of Gifted Resources Website www.giftedresources.org If you are not able to access the links here please go to the In Tray to access them.

If you would like information included in the newsletter and/or the In Tray please send to contributions@giftedresources.org

WCGTC 21st WORLD CONFERENCE Odense Denmark 10-14 August 2015 [WEBSITE](#)

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK Seminar Series:
26 August 2015 Claire Spicer Suicidal Thoughts and Self Harm
Strictly adults only seminar [WEBSITE](#)

GERRIC Mini COGE 2-3 September 2015 [WEBSITE](#)

VAGTC 2015 series of Seminars on Giftedness
Monday 14 September 2015 – Ballarat Phoenix P-12 Community College [SEE WEBSITE](#)

VAGTC 2015 series of Seminars on Giftedness
Friday 16 October 2015 – Wangaratta High School [SEE WEBSITE](#)

GIFTED SUPPORT CENTRE STEP BACK IN TIME CAMP
Morisset NSW 14-16, 2015 [SEE WEBSITE](#)

PRACTICAL PEDAGOGIES CONFERENCE Toulouse France
15-16 October 2015 [WEBSITE](#)

WiseOnes 18th annual conference 16 October 2015

GIFTED SUPPORT CENTRE STEP BACK IN TIME CAMP
Southern Highlands (Wambaroo) ACT 23-25 October 2015 [SEE WEBSITE](#)

GERRIC Mini COGE 9 November 2015 [WEBSITE](#)

GIFTED SUPPORT CENTRE STEP BACK IN TIME CAMP
Gembrook Vic 13-15 November, 2015 [SEE WEBSITE](#)

GERRIC Mini COGE 30 November 2015 [WEBSITE](#)

WCGTC 22nd WORLD CONFERENCE Sydney Australia 20-23 July 2017 [WEBSITE](#)

GIFTED SUPPORT GROUPS

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK INC.

Active network in Melbourne's south eastern, western and north eastern regions offering the following services to families with gifted children:

- * "Mini Minds" - activities for preschoolers
- * "Primary Minds" - activities for primary school aged children and their parents
- * "Teens & Tweens" - activities for teenagers and their parents each term
- * Information evenings with expert speakers covering issues relating to the gifted
- * Daytime and evening social events for parents to share their experience of parenting the gifted child
- * Comprehensive members' library
- * Regular email/Facebook updates on events/articles of interest to families with gifted children

For further information visit www.giftedsupport.org

P.O. Box PO Box 2808

Cheltenham, 3192

Email address is admin@giftedsupport.org

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News of activities see <http://www.giftedsupport.org/news.php>

GSN Seminar Series

Strictly Adults Only

Southern Community Church of Christ, 2-12 Chesterville Rd, Cheltenham

Wednesday 26 August 2015

7.30pm - 9.30pm

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Suicidal Thoughts and Self-Harm

We all know that gifted children and adolescents can struggle with their emotions, often more so than those who are not gifted. They feel things so incredibly deeply that their own self - their life - can feel rocked by any number of events. The topic of 'Suicidal Thoughts and Self Harm' is rarely touched on by researchers as it is taboo. But how does that help our parents and teachers who watch our gifted children tackle such deep emotional thoughts? It's time to talk about it. We need to talk about it.

This will not be a traditional sit and learn presentation. This is a sensitive topic that requires empathy and understanding. Dr Claire Spicer will lead the conversation. She will address key concerns as well as acknowledge and address the causes, whilst providing suggestions for parents and teachers. She will explore real case studies and aims to empower you to talk about these important issues with your own families.

This is a **strictly adults only** event - no children should attend.

GSN will provide a complimentary 'Chocolate Café', serving all things 'chocolate' plus tea and coffee to starve off Melbourne's cold Winter night.

About the Presenter

Claire Spicer is the current Course Director for Special Educational Needs at Deakin University. In this role, she constructs curriculum, assessment, weekly lectures and tutorials for units on student behaviour management. She also chairs and actively teaches undergraduate and postgraduate units on student welfare, discipline, learning issues, inclusive education and gifted education.

Claire uses a wide range of therapeutic techniques including play and art therapy, cognitive behavioural therapy, narrative therapy, family therapy, sand tray work, therapy animals and symbolism. She prescribes to a range of psychological theories and models and uses these in a mixed design to suit the needs of those she works with.

Cost: \$5 members, \$10 non-members, payment at the door & receipt provided. (You may join Gifted Support Network at the Seminar and receive the discounted price.)

RSVP: Bookings are **essential**. Please text Louise on 0414 578 806 or email: admin@giftedsupport.org by Monday 24 August, 2015

GIFTED FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP (NSW)

<http://gfsg.org.au/>

For details of coming events and activities see

<http://gfsg.org.au/whats-on/4583307471>

'THE BIG BANG COFFEE CLUB'

The Big Bang Coffee Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 9.30am (School and Public Holidays excepted) at:

The Coffee Club

Shop 49-50

Moonee Ponds Central

14-16 Hall Street

Moonee Ponds

All are welcome.

For newcomers: Moonee Ponds is well serviced by public transport. For drivers, free undercover parking for up to 3 hours is available at Moonee Ponds Central:

Enter from Mt Alexander Road, Hall Street, or Homer Street. Park your car, go through the entrance doors and take the escalator to the top floor, where you will see Kmart, and it is a few doors down from there, on the corner (Adjacent to Hall Street).

For more information please contact:

Nicole Lawrence nicole_lawrence@mailcan.com Mobile 0413 754 278

MAROONDAH GIFTED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOC.

Morning Coffee at MacDonald's, Maroondah Hwy. Croydon Vic. at 10.30 am on the first Wednesday of the month

Postal address:

c/- 13 Heathwood St

Ringwood East Vic 3135

Contact Jennifer Grant

Phone 9779 4218

ijgrant@optusnet.com.au

Louise Howe Phone 9801 2912

louise_h@tpg.com.au

BELGRAVE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Meetings generally monthly on Mondays

Contact Heike Reich

Phone (03) 9752 5420

Email heikemagnus@yahoo.com.au

CASTERTON AND DISTRICT AREA

Catriona Hill would like to connect with other parents of gifted children in Casterton and District area

Contact: Catriona Hill

Phone (03)55812529

Mobile 0419008734

Email: antrim@netspace.net.au

Web: <http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/tallpoppysyndrome/>

GIFTED RESOURCE AND INFORMATION GROUP - CASEY/CARDINIA

For families with gifted children in Casey/Cardinia

Contact

Victoria Poulos

Phone 0420 286 307

Email victoriapoulos@gmail.com

CHIP GEELONG

http://www.chipgeelong.ingeelong.com.au/?page_id=38

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong

http://www.chipgeelong.ingeelong.com.au/?page_id=12

Future events for details see http://www.chipgeelong.ingeelong.com.au/?page_id=63

Contact

Maura Donohue email mauradonohue@aapt.net.au

VAGTC

VAGTC 2015 series of Seminars on Giftedness for regional areas

Dates and venues are

Monday 14 September 2015 – Ballarat Phoenix P-12 Community College

Friday 16 October 2015 – Wangaratta High School

For all information about all these seminars see

<http://www.vagtc.asn.au/vagtc-and-department-education-and-training-free-rural-seminars>

To register for the teacher or parent seminars

Email Sylvia Green at infolorax@vagtc.asn.au

Contact VAGTC

Postal

P O Box 132

Caulfield South

Victoria 3162

Email: infolorax@vagtc.asn.au

FROM PAT SLATTERY AT WISEONES

WiseOnes 18th annual conference will be held on 16 October 2015. More details in future newsletters.

OPENING DOORS THROUGH THINKING: Multiple pathways for all students

Future Problem Solving Program Australia Professional Learning Workshop

A workshop on the Future Problem Solving Program for teachers interested in the teaching of thinking skills in students, particularly the gifted and talented, from Grades F - 12

Future Problem Solving Program Australia Professional Learning Workshop

This workshop will be conducted by Dr. Niranjan Casinader - National Director

Future Problem Solving Program Australia Inc.

This workshop is designed for teachers who are new to the FPS Program or existing coaches who need to update or refresh their coaching accreditation.

Cost: \$300 per person (GST inclusive)

Date: 7 Nov 2015

Time: 9.00am - 4.30pm

Venue: Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School

For further information on the program or these workshops, please contact

Suzanne Digby (03) 9886 4646 office@fjsp.org.au

Christine Burley (03) 9490 6296 vic-fps@fjsp.org.au



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Bi-monthly Double Features. Introducing Saturday Workshops

Wednesday 9th September: Double Feature:

NEW - Anxiety in Children with Additional Needs- **NEW**. 10.00am - 11.30am

Puberty and Autism Spectrum Disorder. 12.00 noon - 1.30pm

Wednesday 25th November: Double Feature:

Talking with the Child about their Autism Spectrum Diagnosis. 10.00am - 11.30am

Talking to Friends and Family about the ASD Diagnosis. 12.00 - 1.30pm

All sessions at Outside the Square Psychology, 20 Banksia Street, Burwood

Cost: \$50 per workshop, or \$75 for both workshops on the same date

For more information:

ph:(03) 9808 3917 OR visit: www.outsidethesquarepsychology.com.au

FROM SALLY-ANN FREE

Support for Parents of Gifted and Talented Children in the Western Region of Melbourne

Sally-Ann Free PhD thesis (2014)

My PhD study followed on from my 2006 Honours thesis and in light of the finding that parents of gifted children have limited experiences of support, especially those living in the western region of Melbourne. As a parent of gifted child myself, I understood that raising an academically gifted child could be a positive and joyful experience. Yet, it could also bring with it extra stressors and additional demands, including the realities of social isolation.

A stigma about giftedness appeared to permeate many areas of life, including family, friends, pre-schools, schools and a myriad of organisations and institutions. These negative effects required management by the parents, in the difficult circumstances of a society resistant to giftedness.

One aspect that was highlighted in my research was that fathers tended to see giftedness very differently from mothers. Fathers more often distanced themselves from dealing with the reality of giftedness, often by denying it and, rejected any idea that they may need social support themselves.

In 2007, no support groups for parents of gifted children were operating in the Western region of Melbourne. So, Tina McCarthy and I founded The Big Bang Coffee Club support group in Moonee Ponds. Within the support group, parents were able to share and normalise their experiences, and provide informal support with other parents of gifted children. The support group continues to be successful today, with a new parent facilitator, and makes a positive and meaningful contribution for parents in this region.

Print-A-Car 2015*

Intermediate & advanced
3D print coaching class

Fascinated with 3D printing,
Got a bit of 3D printing skills,
Let's join a competition*

3D **print** and then **race** your car
in a state-wide competition.

- Small class size
- One 3D printer to each child

Places are limited, so hurry and
book now.

Important dates:

20/8 (Thu): Qualifying @ Quantum Victoria

9/10 (Fri): Final @ University of Melbourne

When

Weekends (Sat & Sun) 1 pm ~ 5 pm

Total: 40 hrs for 5 weekends

Fees: \$15/hr

Contact

David Ng, PhD, SMIEEE

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(e) david.ng@cnapctic.com.au

Where

Meeting Room 1

Level 1, 15-33 Alfred St,

Blackburn VIC 3130

* Organised by

Quantum
VICTORIA
A PART OF THE QUANTUM GROUP OF COMPANIES

3D Printing is fun and promotes creativity
Come join us!

3D print your Hero



When

- Weekdays 4 pm ~ 5:30 pm
Total 6 weekly classes, \$25 each class
- Weekends (Sat/Sun) 9:30 am ~ 11:30 am
Total 5 weekend classes, \$35 each class

Where

Meeting Room 1
Level 1, 15-33 Alfred St,
Blackburn VIC 3130

Contact

David Ng, PhD, SMIEEE
(m) 0403277934
(e) david.ng@cnaptic.com.au
www.cnaptic.com.au/3DHero

Children ages

6-14

Bookings

Essential

- Small class size
- One printer to each child
- Hurry places are limited!



Parent Information Forum

BUILDING RESILIENCE IN ADOLESCENTS

When young people are resilient, they cope better with difficult situations. They 'bounce back' when things go wrong. We all need resilience to navigate life's ups and downs, so building resilience is an important part of child and adolescent development.

Research conducted by Resilient Youth Australia on over 16,000 young people gives us a clear picture of the strengths and vulnerabilities of young people as well as what we can all do to promote great lives for our kids.

In this forum clinical psychologist Andrew Fuller will explore how parents can assist their children and adolescents to build resilience. Andrew works with many schools and communities in Australia and internationally, specialising in the wellbeing of young people and their families. He is a Fellow of the Department of Psychiatry and the Department of Learning and Educational Development at the University of Melbourne as well as the author of *Tricky Kids*, *Tricky Teens*, *Raising Real People* and the newly published *Unlocking your Child's Genius*.

Date:	Tuesday 1 September 2015
Time:	7.30pm-9.30pm
Venue:	Willis Room, Nunawading Civic Centre, 379 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading
Bookings:	Registering your attendance is essential. Please book online at www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Parent-Information-Forums.html
Further information:	Council's Parent Resource Officer Molly Block on 9262 6175 or molly.block@whitehorse.vic.gov.au
Cost:	\$10 payable on the night. <i>Please note unfortunately we are unable to accommodate children in this forum.</i>



DONCARE
COMMUNITY SERVICES

STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

CLIMB TO COOL

Climb to cool, after school!

A 6 session resilience and confidence building program for children aged 9-12 years old

Starts: 12th of August. Register your interest by the 29th of July!

Time

4PM- 5PM Wednesdays
6 x sessions (60 minutes)
12/08/2015 to 16/09/2015

Cost

Free

Location

Doncare
687 Doncaster Road,
Doncaster

Contact Nicolle, Vi or Nitila for bookings and enquiries

9856 1500

This creative program can help children to explore:

- Who they are, who they want to be and how they can get there
- Feelings and ways to express them
- Individual strengths and confidence
- Resilience



Free yourself from stress

STRESS LESS

A 6 sessions coping skills program

Time: Mondays
12 PM - 1:30 PM
6 x 90 minutes session
31/8/2015 - 5/10/2015
Cost: Free
Location: Doncare
687 Doncaster Road,
Doncaster

This skills based program will help you learn ways to manage and cope with stress.

These skills include:

- basic stress management
 - relaxation
 - mindfulness
- helpful ways to manage strong emotions
- learning about ways to manage sleep

**Starts: 31st of
August.
Register by the
17th of
August!**

**CONTACT NICOLE, VI OR ANITA FOR
BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES 9856 1500**



You are invited to

Step back in time with us

at this year's camp for gifted children.

we will discover the many secrets of past times.

Workshops and activities will explore different times in history using the many interesting facts shared in the Horrible History Series - and more.

For the past 25 years I have been co-ordinating weekend camps for gifted children aged 6-14. The camps provide opportunities for gifted children to participate in a variety of workshops, and to spend time socialising with like-minded peers. Parents are also welcome and encouraged to attend.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS - BOOK BEFORE 15th September 2015 AND SAVE PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE for booking before 30th September 2015- email enquiries@australiangiftedsupport.com for details

WHEN: 7.30pm 13th November – 15th November, 2015
WHERE: Gilwell Park, Launching Place Road, Gembrook
AGES: 6 – 14 year olds
children under 8 years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian
Parents of all children are very welcome and encouraged to come
FEES: Registration includes accommodation in shared bunk houses, all meals and all activities, workshops and materials. Most special dietary needs can be met.

CANCELLATION

POLICY: Please choose your event carefully as a full refund is not available. If cancellation made within 7 days of event then a 50% refund will be offered, after 7 days then a refund will not be offered.

The strength of the camps has always been the children themselves. Giving gifted children the opportunity to spend time with like minded peers engaged in interesting or challenging activities and social experiences is vital for their wellbeing.

"If gifted and talented students are to achieve their potential, they require expanded educational opportunities beyond the scope of the regular school program. The students need to explore different career options, crafts, ideas and skills that challenge their abilities. Our children need personal attention, adult commitment, role models they can admire and talk to."(Hegeman, 1987, p123)

The camp aims to address some of these needs within a fun supportive environment.

The hands-on open ended style of activities are well suited to all children with bright enquiring minds including those who are active, visual spatial and those for whom standard classroom activities often don't suit.

The Theme provides inspiration for a wide range of activities including science and invention, maps, world travel, countries and cultures. All these ideas will be explored through craft, creation, invention, drama, storytelling, and other hands on activities. There will be plenty of time for imagination, fun and making new friends.

Facilitator Helen Dudney MEd (COGE)

www.australiangiftedsupport.com

For further details about the camp please contact Helen Dudney at enquiries@australiangiftedsupport.com

Keynotes

- Dr. Jonathan Plucker (USA): Critical Issues and Practices in Gifted Education: What the Research Says
- Dr. Ann Robinson (USA): Best Practices in Gifted Education: An Evidence-Based Guide
- Dr. Leonie Krohnberg (Australia): Teaching Teachers to Teach the Gifted
- Dr. Sylvia Rimin (USA): From Underachievement to Wondrous Achievement
- Dr. Margaret Sutherland (Scotland): A collaborative approach to building the bridges between research and practice
- Professor Eunice Alencar (Brazil): Theory and Practice of Creativity Measurement
- Professor Ching-Chih Kuo (Taiwan): Gifted brains: Studies of gender differences
- Dr. Shirley Kokot (South Africa), legacy keynote speaker: Planting a garden: A historical overview of experiences both in WCGTE and starting a South African school for gifted children

"To be of use to the world is the only way to be happy"
- Hans Christian Andersen

Welcome to Odense

It is with great pleasure that we welcome The World Council for Gifted and Talented Children World Conference in 2015. We consider our city to be one of the centers in Denmark when it comes to knowledge and education, and we support these in every way we can.

Odense has a bit of everything: City life and diversity but a also a charming atmosphere and many green sites right in the middle of the city. The river flowing through the city connects the parks and offers unique opportunities to combine life with relaxation in beautiful green spaces.

See you in Odense!
- Anker Boye, Mayor of Odense



Important Dates

Registration opens September 2014
Early registration closes April 30th 2015
Regular registration closes July 31st 2015
Late On Site August 1st -
to Conference opening August 10th 2015
Abstract submission opens September 2014
Abstract submission closes on March 19th, 2015



www.worldgifted2015.com



21st World Conference Educating Gifted and Talented Children - Turning Research Into Practice



10-14 August 2015
Odense, Region of Southern Denmark



World Council for Gifted and Talented Children
www.worldgifted2015.com



Dear Colleagues and friends,

The World Council for Gifted & Talented Children is really looking forward to meeting up with all our members and new attendees in Odense, Denmark in 2015. At the 21st WCGTE Biennial Conference, we can assure you that we will have a multiblob representation hour (keynote line-up). We will also be paying homage to our past with a keynote from our Legacy speaker.

We invite you to explore a diversity of viewpoints research and practices from around the globe. The theme - Turning research into practice - will be a very useful thread and will run throughout the conference. The town of Odense will prove to be a truly magical venue and place to visit, especially in August. August is the month of festivals - The Flower Festival, The Smash Words Festival, The Hans- Christian Andersen Festival and last but not least, the Harry Potter Festival!

This conference will provide a programme with the highest calibre of presenters bringing together leaders in Gifted Education. These leaders will share their knowledge, expertise and practices from many cultures and countries. These leaders will include researchers, educators, practitioners, psychologists, and parents among others.

I would like to thank our Danish Conference Team for all their ongoing hard work as well as the Executive Committee that has been a constant support throughout the development of the conference. I would also like to invite you to encourage those you know as well as yourself to attend as it is going to be a good one. Hoping to see you all in Odense, Denmark, 2015!

Leslie S. Graves
WCGTE President



www.world-gifted.org



The House of Hans Christian Andersen

Focus of the World Conference

With the group of researchers and practitioners in the area of gifted and talented education being relatively small the need to come together on a global scale is essential.

This is why as the focus of this international conference we suggest working together in transforming knowledge from research into practical tools for teachers and other educators to use on an everyday basis. We will urge all participants to take part in this collaboration and networking in order for the gifted area to advance. We might even agree on a joint research project to be carried out on a global scale.

By facilitating a conference where we not only share information but process it through collaboration and cross-border networking, we have the potential to both increase the effectiveness of and validate previously isolated research efforts, whilst also forging a much more tight-knit international community. This community is something we refer to as the "Global Village". Through it, we hope to reach a networking milestone from which we may continue to fully unfurl both our intellectual and creative potentials, ultimately securing a better future for gifted and talented children everywhere.

The Strands Are:

Turning research into practice

- Identifying the gifted and identifying the talented
- Educating and extending gifted learners
- Developing talents in the home, classroom and beyond
- Research on the gifted
- Conceptual frameworks for teaching the gifted
- Curriculum for the gifted
- Digital and Technological Applications and Practices in Gifted Education

Giving gifted and talented children a voice

- Advocacy for gifted students
- Partnerships to enhance educating the gifted
- Creativity and socio-emotional development
- Creativity in mathematics
- Values education for the gifted
- Twice-exceptional gifted learners

On-site collaboration

- Study groups
- Networking dinner groups

Online collaboration

- Setting the stage for future sharing of information
- E-networking
- E-learning options

We encourage you to submit a proposal that fits one of these strands at www.worldgifted2015.com



<http://worldgifted2015.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/2nd-announcement.pdf>

Worldgifted 2015 pre-conference workshops

<http://worldgifted2015.com/pre-conference-workshops/>

22nd Biennial World Conference

Global Perspectives in Gifted Education



20 – 23 JULY
2017
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

UNSW Australia Announced as Host for 22nd Biennial World Conference!



The World Council for Gifted and Talented Children is pleased to announce that the Executive Committee has selected the School of Education at UNSW Australia (The University of New South Wales) to be the hosts of the 22nd Biennial World Conference.

The conference will be held on the beautiful UNSW campus in Sydney, Australia and will focus on the theme of "Global Perspectives in Gifted Education."

The event is an opportunity for researchers, practitioners, parents, and other stakeholders to gather from across the globe to discuss the vital matters, issues, and concerns that impact the field of gifted education and gifted and talented children.

Local Conference Committee:

- **Dr. Jennifer Jolly, Conference Manager**, UNSW School of Education
- **Dr. Jae Yup Jung, Conference Vice-Manager**, UNSW School of Education
- **Dr. Susen Smith**, UNSW School of Education
- **Jennifer Eaton**, UNSW School of Education
- Zdena Pethers, Department of Education, State Training Services
- Christine Ireland, Australian Association for the Education of the Gifted and Talented
- Melinda Gindy, Gifted Families Support Group Inc.

Visit www.worldgifted2017.com for more information, or come and talk with us at our table at the 21st Biennial World Conference in Odense, Denmark August 10-14.

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SCoPE Seminar

Welcome to [Creating Engaging Online Learning Activities!](#) We've had a big hiatus from SCoPE seminars, and it's so exciting to be opening up the conversations again!

About this seminar

There are endless ideas for engaging learners online. However, turning those ideas into activities that can be implemented smoothly is a challenge. There are many details to consider, and potentially overlook!

The idea for this SCoPE seminar developed through reflections on a series of online workshops for educators across the British Columbia post-secondary system. In these workshops we experience the benefits of developing and testing online learning activities in a supportive but critical community of peers. It's time to open up those opportunities to everyone!

During this 2-week seminar we will explore, discuss, and create engaging online learning activities together.

Week 1: Exploring Options, Selecting Approaches

Week 2: Building and Testing OLAs

There are two webinars scheduled as part of this 2-week seminar discussion. They will take place in the SCoPE Blackboard Collaborate Room: <http://urls.bccampus.ca/scopeevents>. As always, the synchronous sessions will be recorded for those who are unable to attend.

- Wednesday, August 5, 2015 11:00 am - 12:00 noon PDT ([see your time zone](#))
Exploring Ways to Create Engaging OLAs
- Friday, August 14, 2015 11:00 am - 12:00 noon PDT ([see your time zone](#))
Sharing Our Creations

About our facilitator

Sylvia Riessner is an educational consultant, [Instructional Skills Workshop](#) (and [Facilitating Learning Online](#)) facilitator. She is a long-time SCoPE member, and has spent most of her career teaching and supporting educators in British Columbia and Yukon, and online. Sylvia has a passion for finding ways to use technology and connectivity to provide options and enriched learning for people in small, geographically dispersed communities as well as in major metropolitan centres. She writes about education, openness, social media and new approaches to learning and teaching at educomm.ca

Participating in SCoPE Seminars

SCoPE seminars are free and open to the public, and registration is not required. You are welcome to come and go according to your schedule and interests. To contribute you will need to create an account on the SCoPE site -- a quick process. Are you new to SCoPE or wondering how to manage your participation? [Check this resource](#).

If you have any questions about participating in SCoPE don't hesitate to ask here in the forum, or get in touch with me directly:

Sylvia Currie
scurrie@bccampus.ca

Personas, profiles and portraits of giftedness

<https://jofreitag.wordpress.com/>

New post

<https://jofreitag.wordpress.com/2015/07/21/2015-edublogs-teacher-challenge-step-8/>

<https://jofreitag.wordpress.com/2015/07/24/2015-edublogs-teacher-challenge-completed/>

I have now completed the Edublogs Teachers Blogging Challenge with this new blog

<http://teacherchallenge.edublogs.org/personal-blogging/>

SOME INTERESTING BLOGS

GTChat Blog

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/06/30/coping-with-isolation-in-the-gifted-community/>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/07/12/when-the-gifted-child-hides-their-giftedness/>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/07/21/guest-pamela-price-author-of-gifted-bullied-resilient-a-brief-guide-for-smart-families/>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/07/31/twice-exceptional-kids-with-guests-from-the-bright-not-broken-lorna-wing-institute/>

Hoagies Gifted Blog Hops

http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/blog_hops.htm

Hoagiesgifted August Blog hop: Gifted 101

http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/blog_hop_gifted_101.htm

Sprite's Site post for this blog hop

<https://spritessite.wordpress.com/2015/08/01/beginning-the-journey-gifted-101/>

Sprite's Site

<https://spritessite.wordpress.com/2015/07/01/friends-and-relations/>

<https://spritessite.wordpress.com/2015/07/13/gifted-relationships/>

<https://spritessite.wordpress.com/2015/07/14/making-connections/>

<https://spritessite.wordpress.com/2015/07/15/making-connections-2/>

<https://spritessite.wordpress.com/2015/07/17/making-connections-3/>

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES AND BLOG POSTS

World Gifted Conference Sydney 2017

<http://www.worldgifted2017.com/>

Practical Pedagogies Conference 2015

Toulouse October 15-16 2015

http://www.activehistory.co.uk/2015_IST/index.php?id

The Virtues Project

<http://www.virtuesproject.com/homepage.html>

Gifted Phoenix Last Post

<https://giftedphoenix.wordpress.com/2015/07/15/the-last-post/>

Education State

<http://educationstate.education.vic.gov.au/>

50 Ways to tell a story wiki

<http://50ways.wikispaces.com/>

Crushing Tall Poppies: A gifted child checklist for teachers

<http://crushingtallpoppies.com/2014/06/09/a-gifted-child-checklist-for-teachers/>

Nicky Johnston

<http://illo52weeks.blogspot.com.au/2015/07/meet-challenge-director-nicky-johnston.html>

The Age The poignant tale behind TV's boy wonder Thomas Frith

<http://www.theage.com.au/entertainment/tv-and-radio/the-poignant-tale-behind-tvs-boy-wonder-thomas-frith-20150726-gikp57.html>

Jo Hart Google 30 Goals Hangout conference

Resilience and surviving as an educator

<http://www.30goals.com/johart.html>

Krissy Venosdale

<http://venspired.com/>

Dr Jim Deslisle Differentiation still doesn't work

<http://sengifted.org/archives/articles/feature-article-sorrydifferentiation-still-doesnt-work>

Gifted, Bullied, Resilient by Pamela Price

<http://giftedhomeschoolers.org/gifted-bullied-resilient-a-brief-guide-for-smart-families/>

Jen Merrill Review of Gifted, Bullied, Resilient by Pamela Price

<http://www.laughingatchaos.com/book-review-gifted-bullied-resilient/>

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