

Facilitator Training Workshop on Creating Caring and Accepting Environment in Schools – “Don’t Laugh At Me” Programme

Introduction

In recent years, more mainstream schools are taking in students with various types of special educational needs (SEN). The Education and Manpower Bureau (EMB) encourages schools to develop an inclusive learning environment and enhance the acceptance of students with SEN.

Mr. Peter Yarrow (world renowned folk song singer and founder of Operation Respect) devotes himself to establishing a caring school environment. With the aid of various educational professionals, he devised the social and emotional learning program, “Don’t Laugh At Me (DLAM)”, for equipping students with appropriate skills in expressing feelings, caring for the others, resolving conflicts and celebrating diversity. An accepting and caring school environment can, therefore, be achieved. Peter had introduced the DLAM program to the schools in Hong Kong through sharing sessions, mini concerts and teacher training sessions. In the light of the DLAM programme, the EMB also conducted action learning projects on creating harmonious school environment.

In this workshop, Mr. Mark Weiss and Ms. Lynne Hurdle-Price (the top trainers from Operation Respect) will provide training for DLAM project leaders to equip them with the skills and knowledge in conducting the project in their schools. Mr. Mark Weiss currently serves as the Education Director of Operation Respect. He was a New York City school principal for more than 20 years with ample experiences in putting educational visions into practices, especially in building school communities of respect in learning. Ms. Lynne Hurdle-Price has served as a mediator, trainer and educator in the field of Conflict Resolution for over 20 years. She is an adjunct professor at New York University. She has designed and implemented conflict resolution programmes for hundreds of schools and colleges throughout the United States.

Programme

Date: Workshop (1) – 28 February and 1 March 2006
Workshop (2) – 2 to 3 March 2006
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Venue: Teacher Registration and Support Services Section
Education and Manpower Bureau
Room 204
24, Tin Kwong Road
Kowloon

Reference

- 1 Operation Respect’s Web-site: www.operationrespect.org
(The program materials of DLAM are available for downloading in the web-site)

Reply Slip

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Special Education Support and Placement Section
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Please be informed that the following teacher(s)/educational professional(s) would like to participate in the above workshop:

	Name	Workshop*	Post*
1.		(1) 28/2/2006 & 1/3/2006 or (2) 2/3/2006 & 3/3/2006	(Teacher/Principal/ Educational Professional:_____)
2.		(1) 28/2/2006 & 1/3/2006 or (2) 2/3/2006 & 3/3/2006	(Teacher/Principal/ Educational Professional:_____)
3.		(1) 28/2/2006 & 1/3/2006 or (2) 2/3/2006 & 3/3/2006	(Teacher/Principal/ Educational Professional:_____)

*Please circle the appropriate option

Name of School: _____

Address of School: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Fax No.: _____

- Note: 1/ The training courses would be conducted in English
2/ Owing to limited places, application would be considered according to the recommendations of respective School Development Sections
3/ Please fax the completed reply slip to Mr. S K CHOY on or before 26/2/2006
4/ For enquiries, please contact our officers at 2760 6201.