

## Dear Principals of the Inviting school Project

Many of you should remember Tim Cusack for his creative and lively presentation in the 2012 IE world conference in Hong Kong. He is more than a motivational speaker. He brings a fresh perspective to staff development and educational audiences. One of the most common comments Tim receives from his programs is, "You remind me of why I got into education in the first place... to make a difference." Tim creates an interactive, inclusive experience that is unique to each audience. His keynotes and seminars are humorous and participatory. He has the rare ability to relate to large groups of people on a personal level. He's also a guy who tells great stories; is terribly funny; and has profound insights. That's how Tim works with you to weave leadership, team building and better communication into your school culture. Besides, Tim's programs approach students on a different level. He doesn't tell teachers what they should or shouldn't do. He shows them ways of being healthy, caring and personally responsible through an engaging combination of story-theater and comedy. I am glad to inform you that we have been able to invite Tim to come to Hong Kong again in Jan 2014 for providing a series of workshops for the IE Project schools.

In addition to the school based presentation to your whole staff and selected student groups in Jan 2014 when he comes, I am pleased to inform you that Tim is able to offer 2 series of innovative and interactive workshop for your teachers to participate. Please refer to the appendix for details. The arrangement of the two workshops is as follows:

Date : 13 and 17 January 2014 (AM)

Themes: Promoting a positive learning and work environment through 5Ps

Establishing an intentional climate of respect, trust, optimism and care

Venue: Room 5201C, Hopewell Centre, Queen's Road East, Wanchai Hong Kong

Time : 9:00am to 12:30 pm

Please fax your reply **on or before 9 January 2014 to Stephanie c/o Creative Primary School (Fax 23382924) for enrolment**. If you have further enquires, please feel free to contact Peter Wong at 93336474 or Stephanie Chan at 23360266.

(Ken Wright)
IAIE Inviting School Program Co-ordinator

### **APPENDIX**

## IAIE Hong Kong Tim Cusack Teacher Workshop (I) Jan 2014

Following is an overview of the first series of a half day workshop for teachers focusing on the key principles of Invitational Education. The workshop is divided into 2 sessions, each 1.5 hours and each concentrating on a unique IAIE goal.

**Session 1:** *IAIE Goal: Promoting a positive learning and work environment* 1.5 hours

#### Activities

- 1. Good News:
  - 1. Starting the day in a positive and grateful way
  - 2. Connecting to students and their lives
  - 3. Building and deepening relationships in the classroom
- 2. Change Game:
  - 1. Building observational skills
  - 2. Learning to adapt to change
- 3. Asking for Help:
  - 1. The importance of asking for help professionally and personally
  - 2. Modeling healthy behaviors
- 4. Write 3 takeaways
  - 1. These will be shared with the group at the beginning of the next session

**Session 2:** *IAIE Goal: Inviting educators to believe that people, places, policies, procedures and programs working together have the power to create an optimal environment.* 

1.5 hours

#### Activities

- Report out ideas from the 3 takeaways
- Radio Voice:
  - Building listening skills
  - Listening for possibilities
  - Discovering how the power is in the listening
- Status Game
  - Demonstrating how we show respect
  - Learning about the power in non-verbal communication
- Tray/Marble Exercise
  - Learning to work as a team
  - Supporting students with learning difficulties or other challenges
- Write 3 takeaways

# IAIE Hong Kong Tim Cusack Teacher Workshop (II) Jan 2014

Following is an overview of the second series of a half day workshop for teachers focusing on the key principles of Invitational Education. The workshop is divided into 2 sessions, each 1.5 hours and each concentrating on a unique IAIE goal.

**Session 1:** *IAIE Goal: Sharing strategies that promote a positive learning and work environment.* 

1.5 hours

### Activities

- Report out ideas from the 3 takeaways
- Part 1. Telling your personal story on becoming a teacher
  - Sharing your journey in education
  - Discussing pivotal moments
- Part 2. Teaching your personal story
  - Learning the art of storytelling
  - Connecting theories of learning and teaching using stories
- Family of Choice
  - Looking at the roles people play in our lives and the lives of our students
- Write 3 takeaways

**Session 2:** *IAIE Goal: Establishing an intentional climate of respect, trust, optimism and care* 

1.5 hours

#### Activities

- 1. Report out ideas from the 3 takeaways
- 2. Role play: Asking questions Classroom Behavior Management
- 3. Role play: Gossip What we tell others good or bad?
- 4. Q & A Session
- 5. 24 Hour exercise
  - Looking at ways of growing and changing personally and professionally
- 6. Write 3 takeaways
- 7. Report out ideas from the 3 takeaways

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