

Brain Building in Progress (2) - Detailed Programme

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Saturday, 11 November

Time	Programme / Venue					
9:30am – 12:30pm	[1] <i>Mind in the Making</i> Beth Fredericks A.4.09A	[2] <i>Creative Reuse as a Catalyst for Learning</i> Renee Saulnier A.3.11	[3] <i>Tools to Nurture Focus and Self-Control</i> Narayanasamy Pushpavalli A.3.12	[4] <i>Musical Yoga Play</i> Hasnah A. Rahman A.4.14	[5] <i>Basic stuff to help preschoolers in motor skills development</i> Rose Bava A.4.15	[6] <i>Museum-Based Learning and Perspective Taking</i> Wong Seet Fun A.4.06
Lunch break (lunch provided for presenters)						
1:30pm - 4:30pm	[1] <i>Resilience</i> Claire Ong A.4.09A	[2] <i>Creative Reuse as a Catalyst for Learning</i> Renee Saulnier A.3.11	[3] <i>STEM 101: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math</i> Drizzle Hshieh A.3.12	[4] <i>Hack Our Play!</i> Jacqueline Chung A.4.14 and A.4.15	[5] <i>Museum-Based Learning and Perspective Taking</i> Wong Seet Fun A.4.06	

Session Facilitators and Workshop Descriptions

Rose Bava

Motor Skills Consultant, Movement ABC

Dr Rose Bava holds degrees in Physical Education, Curriculum and Instruction, and a Doctor of Education in the researched area of movement difficulties in Singaporean children. With more than 25 years of experience in teaching motor skills to young children and having taught at the local and international schools levels, Rose is able to bring a perspective to the understanding of motor skills acquisition and its significance in the early years of growth and development of young children. As a sport volunteer with a previous appointment as Team Manager of the Singapore Gymnastics Team, South East Asian (S.E.A.) Games, Rose values the strength of sport, its participation, and the continued opportunity to enhance motor skills development.

Motor Skills Development in Preschoolers

Parents are the child's first and most intimate teachers long before the child participates in organized play groups, and in pre-school settings. This workshop session aims to empower parents (carers and teachers) to learn more about motor skills and its significance in the early years of growth and development of their child. Basic stuff of motor development encompasses sensory motor integration and fundamental motor skills. The focus will be on ways to enhance motor skills play and motor experiences in the environments of the home, playgroup, and the school. It is a hands-on workshop and active participation is encouraged.

Narayanasamy Pushpavalli

Principal, Ramakrishna Mission Sarada Kindergarten

As a principal and also ECDA Fellow and Skills Future Fellow, Pushpa advocates for children's best interests with her knowledge and clear understanding of what is important to children, as well as teachers' individual professional growth through continuous learning and innovation. Sarada Kindergarten has won many innovation awards, and it focuses on nurturing dispositions. Teachers from Sarada will be assisting in this workshop.

Tools to Nurture Focus and Self-Control

Surrounded by multiple stimulation and distractions, it is challenging for children to focus and regulate their behaviour. This workshop shares tools and strategies to engage children meaningfully while nurturing these life skills.

Jacqueline Chung

Dr Chung is the Senior Principal and Academic Director of St. James' Church Kindergarten. She is also an ECDA Fellow and Skills Future Fellow and she conducts workshops and talks on a variety of topics surrounding the visual arts, music, language & literacy, learning environments, mentoring and leadership.

Hack Our Play!

Learn about *Hack Our Play!* (HOP), Singapore's first participatory, community-built play space where children, educators, and parents co-create their play space, from start to finish. Come to hear about how they conceived and created a unique play experience using non-standard structures, recyclables, and everyday materials which encourage non-linear thinking while also fostering stronger bonds, greater community investment and a sense of pride and excitement through the process.

Beth Fredericks

Executive Director, Wheelock College-Singapore

Beth is a trained and certified Learning Facilitator for *Mind in the Making* (MITM). She delivered the first international training of MITM to Singapore museum and early childhood educators in August 2016 at the National Museum of Singapore, sponsored by the National Heritage Board.

Executive Function Skills

Learn how educators and parents can better support young children's development at home, in school and in the community. Your child can develop a love for learning through the process of making between educators, parents and shared with children and families within particular communities.

Drizzle Hshieh

Curriculum Mentor, Odyssey, the Global Preschool

Her research interests include effective parent school partnership, interaction opportunities to support importance of outdoor play, mentoring educators, and Children's Early Years development. She teaches Information Technology in Early Childhood for Wheelock College-Singapore.

STEM 101: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math for the Early Years

Have you wondered what STEM stood for? Come and learn how to expand children's science learning and lead them toward discovery by encouraging their natural curiosity. We will learn and play our way through science, technology, engineering and math.

Claire Ong

Claire Ong has a Masters in Applied Positive Psychology (MAPP) from the University of Pennsylvania and is also a coach and a strong advocate for character development. She is currently a specialist (student well-being) with the Office of Student Life, and an associate faculty at the Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS). Claire has experience designing and delivering character education programs for pre-school children and for educators as well. Examples of programs include “Have an Attitude of Gratitude”, “Keep Trying” and “Having Self-Control”.

Resilience

Research has shown that the early childhood years of a person are the best time to start building Resilience. Children who have more Resilience have shown to do better academically, socially and emotionally. This workshop will cover research based tips that educators and parents can immediately use to improve their own Resilience as well as start helping Resilience in their children.

Hasnah A. Rahman

Founder / Master Trainer, Positive Focus Pte Ltd

She has worked with children and their families for 22 years. She is passionate about empowering her learners with tools to boost happiness, resilience, and well-being. She has been a consultant and host, AKA Miss Positive for CLUB M.A.G.I.C, Singapore’s first preschool TV program on Okto channel. She is also a trainer for GIG Education Centre – Certificate of Professional Practice, accredited by London Teacher Training College, UK and is a member of The International Association of Counselors and Therapists, a premier association for holistic practitioners.

Musical Yoga Play

Discover playful ways to promote well-being, develop focus and self-control, enhance physical flexibility, and improve balance and coordination through a seamless integration of Music, Creative drama and Yoga Play. Be prepared to ignite your imagination, sing, stretch and breathe into positive health. Please wear pants comfortable clothes for movements and bring a Towel or Yoga mat.

Renee Saulnier

Creative Reuse Consultant

Renee has over 18 years of experience as an arts educator. Four years ago, she was inspired to move to Bali, Indonesia after working as a Studio Arts Teacher for three years at Google Children's Center Mountain View, CA. Renee is now based in Singapore and was recently a Senior Teacher at the Winstedt School.

Creative Reuse as a Catalyst for Learning

Creative Reuse is a practice where we can repurpose everyday materials for the use of educational toys and learning resources. This will be a session of creative problem-solving where we will design catapults, explore, tinker, experiment, and reflect on what makes creative reuse a valuable tool for learning.

Wong Seet Fun

Owner, Instructor, Artist Art Loft

Wong Seet Fun is an artist and an early childhood educator. She obtained her fine arts degree from University of London, Goldsmith College and Master of Science in Early Childhood Education from Wheelock College, USA. She has been teaching art to young children and adults for more than 10 years as founder and owner of Art Loft.

Museum Based Learning and Perspective Taking

Perspective taking: Through the eyes of the artists, the sea creatures from the oceans...

Participants will learn simple print techniques that they can use in their own classroom or at home. Activities will also demonstrate ways in which we can design activities based on exhibitions found in museums. In particular, this session is based on artworks created for the exhibition, "Imaginarium," at the Singapore Art Museum. The hands-on activities in the session will be about creating images of sea creatures using recycled materials, and raising awareness about the need to protect the ocean and the sea creatures that call it home.