

Marden Professional Development Program:

Enhancing Social Competence for Supporting Effective Learning in Schools



Presented by the Department of Educational Psychology
Counselling and Learning Needs

Enhancing social competence of learners with ASD

Speaker: Dr. Claire Egan

Children with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) have critical core deficits in social competence. These deficits often result in social isolation, and can therefore reduce the number of opportunities for social interactions with others. The purpose of the current presentation is to provide practical social skills training strategies for teachers educating students with ASD. Teachers will first learn how to identify appropriate social skills goals based on an assessment of the students current social performance. Then, strategies for teaching social skills within mainstream schools will be reviewed. Finally, attendees will learn to identify the key features of effective social skills programs.

Dr. Claire Egan is a Post-Doctoral Fellow with the Hong Kong Institute for Education in the Key Research Area of Learning and Assessment. Claire has an MA in Behaviour Disorders from Columbia University, and a PhD in Psychology from the National University of Ireland. She has 15 years experience working with children in early, intensive behavioural intervention and Applied Behaviour Analysis programs across Canada, the United States, Ireland, and Hong Kong. Claire is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and a Registered Psychologist with the Hong Kong Psychological Society. In addition to her research, she has worked with the Chicago School of Professional Psychology, and Trinity College Dublin, teaching and supervising post-graduate students for certification in Applied Behavior Analysis.



Date: Tuesday 23 September
Time: 16:30-18:00
Venue: D1-LP-06
Hong Kong Institute of Education

Reservations and enquiries: To register, please contact Fiona Lam via email (fional@ied.edu.hk) with details of participant's name and organization. For further information, please visit our web site (<http://www2.ied.edu.hk/fpece/fics/>).

Complimentary copies of the Marden Monograph 2007 will be presented to registered participants.

2008 Marden Program:

27 May (Tue) 16:30-18:00	Richard Rose – <i>Enhancing social competence of learners by using learning mentors</i>	10 June (Tue) 16:30-18:00	Anita Mak – <i>Enhancing social competence through teacher and counselor training</i>
23 September (Tue) 16:30-18:00	Claire Egan – <i>Enhancing social competence of learners with ASD</i>	28 October (Tue) 16:30-18:00	Shane Phillipson – <i>Enhancing social competence of high ability learners</i>