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India

Ms Anjali AGGARWAL
Principal
St. Mark’s Senior Secondary Public School, Meera Bagh

Ms Anjali AGGARWAL is the founder Principal of St. Mark’s Senior Secondary Public School which has been recognized and awarded several times for her vision and outstanding work as an educationist. A firm believer in harmonious peaceful coexistence, Anjali encourages awareness and learning from the various cultures across the world an outcome of which are the numerous cultural exchange programmes for students. She fosters the spirit of peace and harmony in her students and helps them become responsible global citizens. Not only does this exposure benefit students but also enables the teachers and students of other countries to know and learn about our rich Indian culture and traditions. Anjali is an alumna of the ASEF ClassNet.

India

Ms Geeta RAJAN
Head, International Affairs St. Mark’s Senior Secondary Public School, Meera Bagh

Ms Geeta RAJAN works as the Head, International Affairs with St. Mark’s Senior Secondary Public School, Meera Bagh. An ardent believer of going beyond the four walls of a classroom, Geeta initiated the use of ICT in the classroom even when it was just an idea in many parts of the world. Her belief of taking learning beyond the classroom has resulted in her students engaging in a plethora of collaborative projects with students from all parts of the world. Together with their buddies, her students have written books, designed magazines and websites and have won many awards too. With an experience that spans for more than a decade, Ms Geeta Rajan believes that cross country education is the need of the hour for it teaches tolerance and acceptance to young minds. Geeta is an alumna of the ASEF ClassNet.

Croatia

Ms Svea KUČINIĆ
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Ms Svea KUČINIĆ holds a Master's degree in Educational Rehabilitation from the University of Zagreb and is currently employed as a Disability Counsellor in the Administrative School Zagreb, where she focuses on advocating for and working directly with disabled students in order to ensure equal opportunity education for all. She previously worked as a Disability Counsellor in two primary schools, as well as a Special Education Teacher and a Teaching Assistant. Furthermore, she created, planned, and conducted experience-based workshops on the inclusion of people with disabilities for the “Wheelday” Erasmus+ youth exchange in Vienna. She is also active in the Croatian activist scene in the fields of LGBTQ and women's rights. Svea is an ASEFEdu alumnus.
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School Collaboration on “Gender-equitable AI and AI for Gender Equality”

Australia

Ms Juliette BENTLEY
Teacher
Mt St Michael’s College, Australia

Ms Juliette BENTLEY is a classroom teacher, holds an M.Ed In Information Learning Technology, an Adobe Education Leader, Adobe Master Teacher, Google Certified teacher, and Google Innovator. She has been teaching in both State and independent schools in Queensland Australia for thirty-two years and has been at Mt St Michael’s College in Ashgrove since 2001. She has contributed to over sixteen educational texts and presents practical professional development workshops both nationally and internationally. Juliette seeks to encourage all schools to build their own writers’ clubs and to help mentor her peers as they implement digital technologies into their classroom. She has a passion for teaching and building cultural awareness and capital through global collaborations. Juliette has coordinated successful projects with ASEF and looks forward to building greater connections and friendships forged in shared passions.

Portugal

Mrs Maria da Piedade DA SILVA
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Maria has been teaching English as a Foreign Language since 1996 to pupils aged 12 to 18 and has been involved in international projects (Linguae, Comenius, eTwinning, Erasmus+ and ASEF classNet) for about 18 years. She is also a Teacher Trainer at Edu for Training Centre, a Certified Microsoft Innovative Educator, and an MIE Expert. She has coordinated several Comenius and Erasmus+ projects, as well as eTwinning projects which were awarded with National and European eTwinning Quality Labels. She was awarded two European eTwinning Prizes for the projects: "Photography as a Pedagogical Tool" (2014) and "Grandma' stories in 2080"(2018) and two European Language Labels in 2009 and 2013. She is a PhD researcher, affiliated to the CECC - Research Centre for Communication and Culture, Universidade Católica Portuguesa. She has published articles and communications in national and international conferences. Maria is an alumna of the ASEF ClassNet.
Webinar Speakers
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Ms Dušanka KOSANOVIĆ
Psychologist, Psychoterapist, Trainer and Educator
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Ms Dušanka KOSANOVIĆ completed a BSc in Psychology in 2003 at the University of Zagreb, Croatia. Then she worked with a number of NGOs until she in 2007 became self-employed psychologist and soon also became leader of FamilyLab Croatia. In 2015, she completed four-year family therapy education in Berlin. She is a holder of European Certificate of Psychotherapy. Throughout her professional career she have worked with individuals, families and groups in the broader community. She have also worked extensively in the corporate world with employees and different levels of management. This includes counselling, keynote addresses, lectures, workshops and training courses. Her professional goal is to support individuals and families in their development and to empower professionals in kindergartens, schools and companies when implementing new human relations values. She have been inspired by different professionals, their knowledges and skills and also have applied and incorporated a number of these concepts in her work.
Ms Mateja MARINIĆ
Master of Educational Rehabilitation and Transactional Analysist – Psychotherapist in Supervision
Croatia

Graduated in 2017 at the University of Zagreb, Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation Sciences, Ms MARINIĆ’s professional focuses on inclusive education and provides support to students with learning disabilities integrated in regular school system, as well as the teachers. In 2019, she started training in Transactional Analysis, field of Psychotherapy and Play Therapy. Ms MARINIĆ is currently working in a Primary school “Luka”, Sesvete and her private practice “Želim znati” provides mental health support to children, youth and their families.

Ms Jelena PERAK
Sociologist
Forum for Freedom of Education, Croatia

Ms Jelena PERAK, a sociologist, works at the Forum for Freedom of Education (civil society organisation dealing with educational system in Croatia), Zagreb, where she is an expert for school prevention programmes and mental health. She is also a psychotherapist under supervision (Reality Therapy and Theory of Choice). She is the co-author of a very informative handbook for schools, "Start the Change! - Young people in the world of diversity", and co-author of the handbook "We can work it out! - understanding and managing conflicts". Her passion are relationships, communication and how to understand ourselves to understand others.

Ms Ritika ANAND
Vice Principal - (Academics)
St. Mark’s Senior Secondary Public School, Meera Bagh
India

Ms Ritika ANAND is a Science Graduate with major in Physics and a Post-Graduate in Mathematics as well as English. She is also a theatre enthusiast with a special interest in performing arts and quizzing.

With a teaching experience of 2 decades and an experience of 15 years in school administration, she is an accomplished educator with a very progressive outlook. She believes in striking the right balance of academics and co-curricular activities. She advocates activity-based teaching, where students can feel and experience what they learn. She believes that experimenting and then reporting are the two main components to make students’ learning stronger and lifelong.

Her strength is developing a creative curricula. She stresses on parents and teachers to work together for the best learning outcomes of the students. She desires that the school should be a place where students feel inspired to take greater ownership of their learning, identify areas and questions that interest them, conduct research and arrive at solutions. She
firmly believes that ‘concepts, coupled with the skills’ is the way forward for this generation of learners. Her vision is to provide the learners with social and emotional security along with ample opportunities and enriching experiences so that they become confident and can shine in all walks of life, be it academics, sports, self-expression or leadership.

Ms Ritika has excellent communication skills and enjoys harmonious interaction with parents. She is a great motivator and guide for all the stakeholders—parents, staff, and students.

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India

Ms Geetika KAPOOR  
Consultant School Psychologist  
Nationally Certified School Psychologist USA  
Registered Rehabilitation Psychologist (Rehab. Council of India)  
Founder, EdEssential, India

Ms Geetika KAPOOR is the founder of EdEssential, a community outreach initiative that brings the science of learning to service of children. She actively consults with schools for setting up evidence-based practices for regular as well as special need groups of students. In addition, Ms. Kapoor, provides supervision to school counsellors, and special education teachers from different schools. Ms KAPOOR wears many hats. Her primary training is in the field of School Psychology from Kansas, USA. Ms KAPOOR has subsequently diversified her profile by upgrading her skills in Behavior Analysis, Special Education, and Content Analysis for academic curriculums. She is also registered as a rehabilitation professional in the National Register of Rehabilitation Council of India, and extends educational and psychological therapy to children, in both school as well as clinical settings.
India

Ms Hema MUTREJA
Counselling Psychologist
India

Ms Hema MUTREJA is a Counselling Psychologist who specialises in Family Therapy. She has pursued her M.A in Psychology and MSc in Family Therapy, with specialization in Marital Counselling. Her educational qualification includes the highly esteemed Diploma in Guidance and Counselling from NCERT, Delhi along with a Diploma in Community Mental Health from NIMHANS, Bangalore. She is also part of the exam helpline that provides help to students on mental health and well-being. Currently, she is working with the Government of India giving psychological support to citizens of India seeking help during these challenging times.

India

Dr Samir PARIKH
Psychiatrist & Director of Department of Mental Health and Behavioural Sciences
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Dr Samir PARIKH is an eminent psychiatrist and has played a significant role in enhancing the image and reach of mental health across the country. He completed his MBBS and MD in Psychiatry from Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad and topped the university in both. Dr. Parikh is a well-known speaker and has been invited to share his views on various national and international platforms. He has been a TedX speaker, speaker and panelist at the LitFests at Delhi, Gurgaon, Chandigarh and Chennai. Dr. Parikh also conducts psychological skills training and mentoring programs for upcoming and elite athletes, to contribute to Indian sports at the grassroots.

Malta

Ms Alexia MICALLEF GATT
Teacher of Science and Biology
St. Paul's Missionary College, Malta

Ms Alexia MICALLEF GATT graduated from the University of Malta with a B.Ed in Science Education specialising in Biology in 2014 and has been working as a teacher at St. Paul's Missionary College ever since. She is currently teaching integrated science and biology but also has experience teaching integrated science to primary students. She has completed an M.Ed in Science Education at the University of Malta as well as an Advanced Diploma in Gifted Education from Radboud University, Netherlands and is recognised as an ECHA specialist. In both cases her research focused on fostering creativity through science education. Alexia is a SCIENTIX and eTwinning Ambassador for Malta and currently occupies the role of SDG Champion for Education within the National Youth Council.
**Prof Miki SUGIMURA**

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Dr Miki SUGIMURA is Professor of Comparative and International Education, Faculty of Human Sciences and Vice President for Global Academic Affairs at Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan. She graduated from the University of Tokyo (M.Ed. and Ph.D.). She is a member of the Japanese National Commission for UNESCO, the President of Japan Comparative Education Society, a member of the grant Committee of Japan Foundation for United Nations University (UNU), a member of the advisory council of Japan Student Services Organisation (JASSO) and a board member of United Nations Association of Japan. Her current research topics are education for sustainable development and citizenship education in the multi-cultural societies, international education network and transnational higher education in the era of migration.

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**Dr Wayne HOLMES**

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Consultant, Technology and Artificial Intelligence in Education Unit, UNESCO

Dr Wayne HOLMES is a learning sciences and innovation researcher who received his PhD from the University of Oxford. Currently, he teaches at the University College London and is a consultant for UNESCO. Having been involved in education throughout his life, over the last decade Wayne has focused on Artificial Intelligence and education: researching the use of AI to enhance and further understand learning, and its ethical and social implications for UNESCO’s SDG 4. He has co-authored four books, including: “Artificial Intelligence in Education. Promise and Implications for Teaching and Learning,” (2019) and UNESCO’s “AI and Education: Guidance for Policymakers.” (in press). Previously, he was Principal Researcher (Education) at Nesta (the UK’s leading innovation foundation) and has taught at The Open University and the University of Bristol. He has given invited talks about AI and education to audiences in Brazil, China, Croatia, Germany, Greece, India, Japan, Oman, Spain, and the US (and online to audiences in many other countries around the world).
ASEF Team

**Ms Leonie NAGARAJAN**
**Director, Education Department**
**Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)**

Leonie has been heading the Education Department of the Asia-Europe Foundation since February 2014. Together with her team members, she develops and drives ASEF’s education project portfolio with a focus on student mobility, youth employment, university-business partnerships, and lifelong learning. Prior to this, she advised and supported as Chief of Staff 3 ASEF Executive Directors from France and China in the planning and implementation of the Foundation’s long-range strategy, programmes and operations (from 2008 to 2015). She previously worked in the public affairs and the media sector, including the Haus der Kulturen der Welt in Berlin, the Berliner Zeitung, Pretoria News and the Icelandic national broadcaster Ríkisútvarpið (RUV). Having studied in Reykjavík, Iceland and Berlin, Germany, she received her Master’s degree in Communication Sciences with minors in Cultural and Political sciences from the Free University and Humboldt University of Berlin. She volunteers as Chairperson of the Parents in Education Club at a Primary School in Singapore.

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**Ms Angie TOH**
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Angie joined ASEF in 1998. As Senior Admin/Project Manager, she oversees the Department’s financial and administrative processes and daily operations, as well as provides guidance and training to the team on these matters. Furthermore, Angie is the Project Coordinator of the ASEF Classroom Network (ASEF ClassNet), which provides opportunities for collaborative learning and intercultural exchanges among secondary, high and vocational school educators and students in Asia and Europe. With over 20 years of expertise in international project management and intercultural relations, she is also deputising the Department Director on financial, administrative and human resources related matters. Prior to ASEF, she worked in the Marketing Department of an MNC in Singapore which dealt with overseas infrastructure projects. Born and raised in Singapore, Angie is fluent in English and Chinese.
Ms Jyoti RAHAMAN  
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Jyoti is a Bangladeshi national and joined ASEF’s Education Department in 2018 and coordinates ASEF’s Teaching and Learning Programme including the ASEF ClassNet. Prior to ASEF, she worked as a Humanitarian Data Analyst for Internews and BBC Media Action in Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh, where she analysed massive amount of data from the refugee community, UN agencies, and several INGOs, and turned them into life-saving information for refugees. Previously, she worked for several organisations namely UNESCO Headquarter in Paris, France, the Norwegian Centre for ICT in Education in Oslo, Norway. She was a 2013/14 WISE Learner and Global Youth Ambassador for A World at School from 2014-2016. She has a Bachelor’s degree on Philosophy, Politics & Economics (PPE) with a minor in Asian Studies from the Asian University for Women. She obtained her joint Master’s degree on Education Policies for Global Development (Globed) from the Autonomous University of Barcelona, University of Oslo and University of Malta. Her dissertation explored the challenges of innovating learning environment in schools to prepare learners for the 4th industrial era.