Educators' Community 2023

GUIDE BOOK

Inspiring Educators

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About Educators' Community

The Educators' Community is an initiative to gather and support local and international community of educators, aiming to discuss, validate, promote and adopt innovative teaching and learning practices among teachers, trainers and other education professionals.

Through this community, educators from all around the world can get visibility and recognition for their innovative work, gain new national and international contacts, enhance their knowledge about existing and new approaches to teaching and learning and will also get an opportunity to participate in international projects.

Our First Hybrid Conference

Inspiring Educators 2023

16th September, Avari Towers

Speaker Sessions



Fatima Obaid

Managing Director,
Veritas Learning Circle

Workshop Title: Inclusive Education



Rehan Agar

Program Coach for Inclusion,
Veritas Learning Circle

Fatima Obaid

Fatima Obaid's experience is not just the accumulation of her education and hands-on work experience of 32 years but also that of her ancestors'. With both grandparents and parents as writers and educationists, being in the field of education is the only way of life for her. She started her career with teaching English as a second language in United Arab Emirates and then moved on to being trained for Early Years Education. She has a diploma in ECED and a Masters in Educational Leadership and Management from AKU. Her research focuses on Inclusive Education in ECE Settings.

Fatima has the experience of teaching, managing schools, and has held key positions in curriculum development and administration in leading schools in Karachi. She is a trainer and has trained more than 500 teachers during the years.

Rehan Agar

Rehan Agar is a Certified therapist and a special educator. He has a masters degree in Special Education. He has been working with VLC since 2018 and is currently a Program Coach for Inclusion.



Zartaj Ahmed

CEO, Pi Space Science Education Centre (PSSEC)

Session Title: Integrating STEAM and PBL: A Workshop for Educators

Zartaj Ahmed

Zartaj is an accomplished and visionary Education Leader and Consultant with a proven track record in driving academic excellence, fostering inclusive school cultures, and achieving exceptional results in British/Cambridge curriculum schools.

She is recognized for strategic leadership and innovative approaches to technology integration and digital transformation, resulting in tangible improvements in student performance and overall school success. Zartaj is also adept at attracting top-tier faculty, engaging stakeholders, optimizing resources, and creating safe and inspiring learning environments.

Other Areas of Expertise that drive success and achievement: Tech Entrepreneurship, Human-Centered Design Thinking, STEM Education & Robotics. A captivating storyteller and collaborative influencer who thrives in ambiguous environments, embraces emerging technologies, and leads with a global perspective.



Mark Anthony Wile
Executive Vice President
Facts International

Session Title: Educational Innovation - Re-imagining Learning and Leadership

Mark Anthony Wile

Mark advocates the positive impact Nelnet's cast of FACTS services can have on today's global schools. These transforming techniques revive and modernize learning communities, enabling K-12 institutions toward vitality and long-term sustainability.

As a previous school head, Mark's quest for better administrative tools initially led him to FACTS. He exhibits a passion for education, and a burning desire to assist schools toward best practice results.



Kamil Majeed
Executive Principal & COO
Nordic International School Lahore

Session Title: Leading with Kindness

Kamil Majeed

Kamil is a Global Leader who has a wide range of academic, research, and practical experiences in the fields of school leadership, education research & policy, mindful awareness, and corporate training. He is currently the Chief Operating Officer and Executive Principal of the Nordic International School Lahore. He was selected as the best educator of the year at the GESS Awards Dubai 2022, among 700 of the top educators in the world. He is a Commonwealth Scholar from the UCL Institute of Education (IOE), London, and is certified in Leadership and Policymaking from the Moller Centre at Churchill College - University of Cambridge, UK.

Session Title: Metacognition for Educators



Zenab Tariq
Chief Academic Officer
Alt Academy



Michel Thibeault
Mindfulness Director, Chez Panyaden International School



Afshan Khalid
Deputy Director, School Evaluation Unit, Beaconhouse Group

Zenab Tariq

Zenab is currently the Chief Academic Officer at a dynamic EdTech startup, Alt Academy, serving A Level students in Pakistan, South Asia and MENA. She is also adjunct faculty in the Liberal Arts department at the Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture (IVSAA) in Karachi. She was previously a Lecturer for Psychology at the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi's School of Social Sciences and Liberal Arts (SSLA), focusing on educational and developmental psychology. She is passionate about improving outcomes for students through academic and social-emotional support interventions, as well as creating brave and safe spaces for women and girls.

Michel Thibeault

Michel has over 30 years of experience as a primary and secondary teacher and school leader, including the principal of a K-12 school in Canada and the Primary school principal and Mindfulness Director of a tier 1 international school in Thailand. Michel was also the founding CEO of the Centre for Leadership and Adventure in Nature in Canada. An experienced meditator, Michel is particularly interested in the socio-emotional and cognitive benefits of mindfulness in education.

Afshan Khalid

With over 25 years of experience as an educationist, Afshan Khalid is presently spearheading school evaluations and reporting on the quality of education and care of students in all Beaconhouse schools both nationally and internationally, as Head of School Evaluation Unit, Beaconhouse School System. She was also the founding head of the Education Operations Pakistan team at Beaconhouse Group Corporate Office. Afshan is passionate about the role of data in education, with quality of learning as a core focus. She is an ardent advocate of learner agency, inclusive education, gender parity and social justice.



Bilal Hameed
Founder and CEO,
Alt Academy

Session Title: Developing Future Ready Skills in Today's Learners

Ibrahim Shamsi
Chairman Cotton Web Limited,
Director MCB Bank Islamic



Bilal Hameed

Bilal has been involved with the private education space for over 22 years. Bilal is an ed-entrepreneur who's taught over 60,000 students across 101+ countries - all while opening up diverse educational institutions. Having founded three of Karachi's most successful educational institutions namely Nixor College, Cedar College and The Ivy School.

Ibrahim Shamsi

Ibrahim is a LUMS (MBA) graduate and has done Advanced management program at Harvard University. He has business experience of over 25 years. His management expertise comprises of diverse array of businesses including textiles, property development, food exports and retail chain of entertainment and amusement facilities.

Program Timeline

9:30 AM - 9:45 AM
Registration Time and Tea

9:45 AM - 10:00 AM
Introduction and Address

10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
Session 1: Inclusive Education

10:45 AM - 11:25 AM
Session 2: Integrating STEAM & PBL:
A Workshop for Educators

11:25 AM - 11:45 AM
Tea Break

11:45 AM - 12:25 PM
Session 3: Educational Innovation -
Re-imaginning Learning and Leadership

12:25 PM - 1:00 PM
Session 4: Leading with Kindness

1:00 PM - 1:40 PM
Session 5: Metacognition for Educators

1:40 PM - 2:30 PM
Lunch at Asia Live, Avari

2:30 PM - 3:15 PM
Session 6: Developing Future Ready Skills
in Today's Learners

3:15 PM - 3:30 PM
Closing Ceremony

About Our Collaborator - FACTS

FACTS was our collaborator for our first online event, Empowering Educators, and is currently partnering with us for the Inspiring Educators conference.

FACTS is a dedicated and reliable educational organization, making dreams come true for students and families in Pakistan and Bangladesh. With a wide range of school management services, including student information systems, learning management systems, and admissions solutions, FACTS ensures smooth operations for schools. Their partnership with the Educator's Community further empowers school leaders and teachers through professional development and provides essential technology solutions to support education in South Asia.

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