

Thematic Workshop information:

“Counselling Support for Gifted Learners”

Course Code	Date and Time	Target Group
TW/AE/010910	15 to 16 October 2009 (2 days) 9.30a.m. – 5:00p.m.	School Social Workers, Guidance Teachers, Educational Psychologists and Teachers involved in guidance or counselling
Medium of Instruction	English	

- Venue** : Rm E306, 3/F, East Block, Education Bureau, Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong
- Speaker and Facilitator** : Dr Maureen Neihart
Head of the Psychological Studies Department
National Institute of Education, Singapore
- Course Description** : This workshop focuses on the counselling support for gifted learners.
- Course Objectives** : Upon completion of this course, participants should be able to:
- (i) understand some theoretical models for counselling gifted
 - (ii) know the various counselling techniques suitable for gifted learners with issues
 - (iii) be aware of the various approaches and best practices that the school and frontline practitioners could adopt to help gifted learners with social and emotional needs
- Course Outline** : 1. Workshop contents
- Common issues faced by gifted learners
 - Models for counselling gifted learners and their applications
 - Effective approaches/strategies in counselling the gifted
 - Ways to work with family and the community to support the affective needs of the gifted
2. Case sharing
3. Intervention techniques
4. Q & A session
- Certificate/CPD Hours** : Certificate of Participation and 12 CPD hours will be awarded to all participants

- Course Fee** : Free of Charge (Funded by The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education)
- Number of Nominees** : 1 per school/organisation
- Registration Information** : Please apply **online** from the website of The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education at http://hkage.org.hk/en/tz_programmes.html
School registrant is required to obtain approval from his/her school principal to attend this course by submitting a signed “**Principal Nomination Form**” to the HKAGE through fax or email in order to complete the registration process.

The “Principal Nomination Form” can be downloaded after submission of the online registration form by registrant. The same form will also be sent to the registrant via email as a reminder.
- Deadline for Registration** : **28 September 2009 (Mon) 5:00p.m.**
Note: Acceptance is on first-come-first-served basis for the specified target group.
Registrants will be notified of the outcome by 2 Oct 2009 (Fri) through email. If school nominees do not receive our notification, please contact us at 3698 4025.
- Contact Person** : Miss Wong Tel: 3698 4025 or Email: tpd@hkage.org.hk
- Remarks** :
1. ALL online applications should be nominated and approved by the school authority. Prior application is required and walk-ins will NOT be entertained.
2. Applicants please check the enrollment results via their email accounts registered with The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education.
3. The course organiser reserves the right to reject those applications without submitting sufficient data.
4. The course organiser will take video and photos of the activities during the course. The photos and materials taken may be used in print and electronic publications by the course organiser for educational purpose.
5. Car park arrangement: No car parks will be provided at venue.
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Speaker Profile



Associate Professor Maureen Frances Neihart, Psy.D. is licensed in the U.S. as a clinical child psychologist. Early in her career she worked as a secondary science teacher, an elementary and middle school counselor and a coordinator of gifted programs. She is co-editor of the text, "The Social and Emotional Development of Gifted Children: What do we Know?" and a former member of the board of directors of the National Association for Gifted Children.

Dr. Neihart serves on the editorial boards of Gifted Child Quarterly, Roeper Review, Gifted Education Communicator, and Journal of Secondary Gifted Education. She is a member of Divisions 53 and 37 of the American Psychological Association. She has given nearly three hundred lectures and workshops worldwide.

Dr. Neihart and her husband, Doug, were licensed as therapeutic treatment foster parents for ten years and worked with seriously emotionally disturbed adolescents in their home.

Dr Neihart is presently the Head of the Psychological Studies Department at the National Institute of Education, Singapore.