

FOBISIA Teachers' Conference 2015
'Fit for Purpose?'

JW Marriot Phuket Resort & Spa, Thailand
Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th October, 2015

9th February 2014

Dear Colleagues,

Are we fit for purpose; is our curricular fit for purpose; are our schools fit for purpose? We are pleased to invite you all to the inaugural FOBISIA Teachers' Conference, **'Fit for Purpose?'**, at the JW Marriott Phuket, Thailand - 17th-18th October 2015.

The Conference will explore the themes of **Technology, Career Advancement, Global Sustainability Issues** and **Job Alike Workshops** (Primary, Secondary & Whole School), considering our 'fitness for purpose' within each theme. This will be a FOBISIA conference with a difference; not aimed at senior management, but at **you, teachers**. Throughout the programme there will be sessions on each theme, many of them run by you. Additionally, there will be **great networking and social opportunities**, and all beside a beautiful beach in a national park. If you wish to continue on to a half term holiday in Phuket, there will be special packages available.

Keynote Speaker

David Begbie of the **Crossroads Foundation**, a Hong Kong based non-profit organisation, dedicated to 'connecting people in a broken world', by acting as a crossroads for those who need help and those who can help. The Crossroads Foundation works through four avenues: **Global Distribution** – where need meets resources, **Global Hand** – partnering for a better world, **Global X-Perience** – stepping into another's shoes and **Global Handicrafts** – fair trade for a fairer world.

David also leads the Global X-Perience. In **'Struggle for Survival Simulations'**, participants try to earn enough to survive and pay for rent, food, sanitation, medical needs and education. Those that can't, end up in the hands of loan sharks. This simulates the pressures felt by many globally, and explores ways to break the web of poverty. Responses of Previous Participants; 'Everyone should do this', **Jimmy Wales, Wikipedia**. 'Beautifully done', **Sir Richard Branson, Virgin**. 'A profound experience that reminds us of the plight of millions', **Ban Ki-moon, United Nations**.

Workshop Leaders (*Attachment 1 – Workshop Leader Application Form*)

A great professional development opportunity; we are inviting applications from any delegates who would like to **lead a workshop** or discussion on one of the Conference Themes (an application pro forma is attached). If interested, please let us know by sending a completed Application Form to Tania Donoghue at Tania.donoghue@fobisia.org. A successful workshop leader will be offered a 50% discount on the Conference Fee.

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Outline of Conference Itinerary *(all events at the JW Marriott unless stated otherwise)*

Friday 16th October:	14:00-17:00	Optional Pre Conference Workshops at British International School, Phuket (BISP)
	18:00-20:00	Conference Welcome Drinks
Saturday 17th October:	09:00-16:00	Conference Key Note, Workshops and Lunch
	16:00-17:00	Cocktail Reception
	19:00+	Conference Dinner & Entertainment
Sunday 18th October:	09:00-16:00	Second Key Note, Workshops and Lunch
	16:00-17:00	End of Conference Drinks

Conference Registration *(Attachment 2 – Conference Registration Form)*

Conference Fee (excluding hotel accommodation) is **SGD 555**, inclusive of two day Conference, Welcome Drinks on Friday and Dinner on Saturday. Completed Registration Form and transfer of fee evidence to; Gurmeet Kaur at gurmeet.kaur@fobisia.org by 31st May 2015, please.

We have an Early Bird offer, with 30% off the fee at SGD 389, if you pay by 14th February, 2015.

Accommodation

The JW Marriott Phuket Resort and Spa is the host venue, with the Renaissance Phuket Resort & Spa a short distance away. These two hotels are offering us special rates, with booking details below. Please submit an accommodation reservation form directly to the hotel you wish to stay.

Hotel	Room category & Rates
JW Marriott Phuket	Deluxe Room (single/double) THB 5,000 net, including breakfast per room, per night
Renaissance Phuket	Deluxe Room (single/double) THB 4,000 net, including breakfast per room, per night

(Attachment 3.1 – Accommodation Reservation Form of JW Marriott Phuket)

(Attachment 3.2 – Accommodation Reservation Form of Renaissance Phuket)

Note:

- Both hotels are resorts, by the beach, in the national park in north Phuket, close to the airport.
- Complimentary transport between the hotels is provided during the Conference.
- All Conference related events would be held at the JW Marriott.
- It is the responsibility of **all Conference delegates to book their own hotel.**
- To guarantee room availability, we recommend that you book before 31st May 2015.

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Dress Code for the Conference - smart casual, unless otherwise advised for specific workshops.

Pre Conference Workshops at British International School Phuket (BISP)

There is the option to join additional workshops at BISP on *Friday afternoon, 16th October*. Transport can be provided with pick up from either Conference Hotel at 13:00. Workshops will run from 14:00 to 17:00 and include the following options;

1. Boarding - best practice
2. The International Award
3. Circus Skills within the PE Curriculum
4. How to run great field trips

To join these workshops, please **contact Lynne Daniel**, Events Manager at BISP (ldaniel@bisphuket.ac.th). Please note, workshops will be allocated on a first come first served basis. A nominal charge of THB500 (payment to be made to BISP) will be applied to cover refreshments and transport.

We do hope to be welcoming you to Phuket next October, and in the meantime wish you a merry Christmas and very successful 2015.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

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