



Worshipful Company of Educators

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Art at the Heart – new models of creativity for secondary schools

Master Educator's City Seminars 2019/2020 – Education for Life & Fusion Skills

The Worshipful Company of Educators (2013) and 2018 Global Teacher of Year

London secondary school teacher, Andria Zafirakou, the 2018 Global Teacher of the Year, together with the Assistant Principal of the City of London Academy Highgate Hill, Chris Jackson, provided a stunning Seminar for the Worshipful Company of Educators on Monday 9 December, as part of the Master Educator's Seminar Series on Fusion Skills. Andria is an enthusiastic supporter of art in education, donating her \$1m Varkey Foundation Prize as their Global Teacher of the Year 2018, to create opportunities for children to meet artists via her Artist-in-Residence charity.

City organisations, commercial and livery as well as members of the wider education communities can take advantage of the Master Educator Seminars. For 2019/2020 the theme is Fusion Skills – providing an interesting range of topics and speakers themed on Education for Life. The Seminars will highlight the need for a broad and balanced curriculum, rather than one solely based on learning objectives and controlled assessment in all phases of education.

Pam Taylor, Master of the Worshipful Company of Educators said:

'We were pleased to welcome Andria to talk to our Educator Company Members and our Guests about her vision for Art in Education. She is a world-class teacher and does fantastic work in a London secondary school. We loved hearing about what can be done to support all children in the arts, from all types of background.'

Andria Zafirakou, 2018 Global Teacher of the Year said

'I am passionate about and committed to art education as way of challenging and changing the lives of young people particularly in underserved communities. Creativity is not just for the rich and privileged in private schools.'

The Master Educator Seminars are held at the City of London campus of Anglia Ruskin University. Further details of the Seminars and the Worshipful Company of Educators can be obtained by contacting the Clerk of the Company. // ENDS //



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Notes to Editors

1_ The Worshipful Company of Educators

The Worshipful Company of Educators was the 109th Livery Company to be granted this status by the City of London, in 2013. It was founded as a Guild in 2001 within the philanthropic tradition of the City of London livery companies. It provides a forum through meetings and social occasions to bring together members from all parts of the education world to discuss and exchange views on matters of topical interest. The Educators Trust Fund - Charity Reg. No. 1104355 - provides Awards and Bursaries to recognise, promote and reward good practice in three main areas - Prison Education, Hospital Education and Armed Forces Training; in 2020 also on Teaching Shakespeare in challenging settings.

2_ Master Educator Pam Taylor

Pam Taylor qualified in Drama and Education at the Rose Bruford College, She then completed a BA Honours in English at the University of Kent. Her long teaching career culminated in the post of Head of English at Bromley High School. She is currently Chair of English Examiners at Pearson Edexcel, and has worked in the UK and internationally as examiner, trainer, writer, scrutineer and consultant. She has written several Language and Literature textbooks and many teaching resources.

3 _ Andria Zafirakou, Associate Deputy Headteacher, Alperton Community School, Wembley ; Founder Artists-in-Residence; 2018 Global Teacher of the Year

Andria was born in London to Greek-Cypriot parents and educated at state schools. She has been an art & textiles teacher in Wembley, London, since 2004. In 2018 she was selected as winner of the 2018 Global Teacher Prize. She used the \$1m prize to create Artists-in-Residence, a UK Charity to promote art & creativity in UK Schools.

4_Artists-in-Residence

Artists-in-Residence (UK Charity # 1180114) aims to increase pupil wellbeing and outcomes in schools by providing learners with a more rounded curriculum that promotes arts education. In doing so, we hope to raise pupil aspirations for employment in creative industries, increase pupil life opportunities and satisfaction, prepare pupils for the jobs of the future, and create increased public awareness and engagement in arts education.

5 _Anglia Ruskin University. London – ARU, London

Anglia Ruskin University has a campus in the very heart of the City of London offering unprecedented access to a host of potential employers and careers, ARU London is the perfect place to build the skills and gain the knowledge for a successful career. ARU London offers a range of Undergraduate and Postgraduate degrees specialising in Business, Law and Healthcare related courses, all delivered alongside an Employability Scheme to ensure that graduates have an excellent degree and employability.

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