

2022 Alternative Education Conference Breakout Session Selection

Celebrating Student Capacity

Join keynote speaker, Nairn Walker from Social Solutions as she presents an exploration of why students behave the way they do and the strategies educators can employ to address challenges.

Nairn will also workshop and discuss the implications of respect, communications and relationships and how school personnel can harness these for better outcomes.

Research in Education

In this workshop join Head of Research & Development for SSC, Dr. Martin Hughes, who will discuss pathways to establishing your own school-based research project.

Martin will outline important areas of consideration such as conducting an effective literature review and pilot study, how research fits into your overall school ethos, ethics process, grant applications, statistical analysis and report writing.

Occupational Therapy as a whole school approach

Formed from a 2 year school-based research project, you will receive a full package of how to implement a school-wide (or classroom only) 4 week Occupational Therapy Program that helps improve student wellbeing.

Take part in a modified session to experience the program for yourself and then take the opportunity to ask questions about implementing the program in your context.

Marine Studies in Alternative Education

SSC Teachers Chris and Mel will present a workshop on Marine Studies in Alternative Education.

Discover the subject of Marine Studies with 24 optional modules that allow students in alternative education to thrive.

Experience and receive resources on creating handmade canoes, skim boards, aquariums, seafood cooking and more. All you need to implement this great course at your school.

Animals in School

We will examine the benefits of using animals in teaching and learning to help improve student focus, regulation, wellbeing, connection and learning.

Get hands on with our animals to experience first hand the benefit that they have on our mental state.

SSC Teachers, Adam, Rachel & Lisette, will talk about some of the special experiences that have led to students developing resilience, relationships, connection, confidence, skills, learning and wellbeing. This will be a fun, engaging workshop in a beautiful outdoor setting which will also include a section on Equine Assisted Learning.

Participants will need to wear enclosed shoes and preferably have long pants and a minimum of short sleeves.

Making Space for Art in Your Classroom

Art isn't just for the Visual Arts classroom, it can be a part of any lesson or a element of any KLA.

SSC English Teacher, Bill will provide an exploration of drawing and design techniques that can be used in any setting. Learn a range of artmaking approaches that can be easily integrated into your classroom.

You will get to create some fun drawings and relaxing designs that will engage your students in a range of positive and possibly unexpected ways.

Rhythm 2 Recovery

Join SSC Teacher Ben in this interactive workshop which will guide participants through a drumming and percussion session.

Participants will be invited to play some percussion instruments and share their thoughts and feelings about the activities.

This workshop will help shape an understanding of the ways in which R2R can be used to support human bonding, improve learning retention and increase emotional regulation.

EmPowerPointing Your Lessons

SSC Teacher Damian will present a workshop that will improve your skills in PowerPoint with a focus on animations. Bring lessons to life by taking your knowledge of this versatile and well known software to the next level.

Effective design principles of PowerPoint will also be explored which will help make your presentations memorable and effective in the classroom and beyond.

Youth Off the Streets SOLAR Program

In this presentation we will explore the premise, methodology and outcomes of the Youth Off The Street's SOLAR program.

SOLAR stands for Schooling via off-campus Learning for At-Risk students. The SOLAR Project is an off-campus adjustment using online platforms and trauma-informed practice to support the most vulnerable of students to achieve their educational outcomes.

This workshop will challenge you to truly explore the 'alternative' in alternative education.