

# Workshop On: Differentiation

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**FEATURED SPEAKER**

**WORKSHOP OVERVIEW**



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The workshop will address differentiation problems that exist in schools, where classrooms are multi-linguistic, multi cultural and multi-national.

This workshop will help participants:

- Understand and define differentiation, its need and characteristics.
- Help them analyze their schools, students and curriculum needs.
- Create a differentiation-friendly learning environment.
- Manage time, resources, energy and still remain student-centred.
- Learn strategies and models of differentiation.
- Define the role of the teacher as facilitator.
- Explore forms of differentiation.
- Discover exercises, strategies, case studies and lesson plans for differentiation.
- Assess children with differing needs.

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## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Principals
- Administrators
- Counselors
- Social Workers
- Teachers
- College Educators

- Staff Developers
- Teachers of special education and general education
- Education Policy Advocates and Support Personnel

## MEET YOUR EXPERT LEADER



Usha is the Founder CEO of Mindsprings, the Proprietor & Publisher of Mindsprings Publishing, and Partner at the Mindsprings Enrichment Centre, Mumbai, India

*Teacher. Academic Consultant and Advisor. Author. Speaker. Programme designer. Curriculum expert. Champion of Gifted Education. Workshop Resource person. Teacher trainer. Entrepreneur. Mentor.*

Usha is the Founder CEO of Mindsprings; the Proprietor & Publisher of Mindsprings Publishing and Partner at the Mindsprings Enrichment Centre, Mumbai. 'Mindsprings' is an organization that is involved in consultancy services to schools in the areas of Academic diagnosis, planning, implementation, teacher training, academic audit and quality control. It runs enrichment programmes in schools.

'Mindsprings Publishing' is a company that publishes academic textbooks and learning resources for students in schools. It has 9 books in its stable and is in the processing 8 more books on grammar this year.

'Mindsprings Enrichment Centre' is an organisation that does research and runs programmes for special needs on both ends of the learning spectrum namely the learning disabled and the gifted. It runs workshops and training programmes for teachers, runs counselling services, and intervention programmes in schools. It is doing some pioneering work with enhancing English for disadvantaged children.

In the coming year, the Centre plans to run short, distance courses for teachers of English and Special Education, using a practical executive programme model. Digital possibilities of educating long distance learners are also on the anvil.

Usha has authored 'Empowering English' - Grade 1 to Grade 8 and 'Writing with Ease'. She has written over a 100 blogs.

She has a Teaching Certificate from 'Auckland College of Education' in English & History (New Zealand) 1998; a TEFLA – from 'British Council HK' in EFL, Cambridge University (London) 1996; an M.Ed. – Annamalai University, Masters Degree in Education (India) 1990; a B. Ed. – 'Lady Wellington College of Education', Madras

University, Bachelors Degree in Education in English 1988; an M.A.- Madras University, Masters degree in English (India) 1986 and a B.A. – 'Elphinstone College', Bombay University, Bachelors Degree in English & Psychology 1974

Usha has taught mainstream classes K-12 for several Boards in four countries.

The State Board, CBSE, ICSE, IGCSE syllabi in India; an IB equivalent syllabus in Hong Kong, the New Zealand syllabus in New Zealand and New South Wales syllabus in Jakarta.

She trained under Rosemary Cathcart, eminent gifted educator and worked for two years, training and teaching in gifted education (REACH) at the prestigious George Parkyn Centre for Gifted Education, Auckland. She has taught more than 1000 identified gifted children in three countries. She has successfully set up and conducted the Enrichment Programmes for several schools and pioneered gifted education in India.

Usha has been the Academic Consultant to several schools in India including the prestigious Cathedral & John Connon School. She is presently heading Quality control of Curriculum and Academics in two big groups – Euro Schools and Universal High Schools

Usha is a much sought after educational trainer. She has been a speaker at large educational conferences. Inspire Ed, Mumbai, 2010; Ed Leadership Roundtable, Lucknow, 2011 and Ishara - GCC LD Workshop & Conference, Dubai, 2012.

Creating seminal programmes that are need based and dynamic is one of Usha's talents. These programmes are original in thought, organisation and implementation. Some of these are in the areas of grammar, study skills, differentiated reading, second language, holistic sex education and youth discussion fora. Her VCF pedagogy was showcased at the Ishara Conference. Usha was voted by participants as the most popular and inspirational speaker at the Conference.

Usha lives with her husband in Mumbai, and is the proud mother of Adithi, and grandmother of Atreya who live in Wellington, NZ

### Differentiation is the key to reaching every student.

Much has been written about differentiated instruction, what it is, how it works, and why it matters. But, when it comes to implementing it in the classroom, there is very little information other than lists of strategies and techniques. When you need practical advice about how to effectively differentiate instruction in your classroom, our full-day workshops provide step-by-step instructions on how to meet the learning needs of all of the students in your classroom while holding them all to the same rigorous standards.

### W O R K S H O P   A G E N D A

**8:00 - 9:15 : Registration, Welcome Coffee , Net-working**

**9:30 - 11:00 Why differentiation?**

The myth of standardization. Readiness, abilities and learning styles – diagnostics.. A mindset to usher differentiation. Recognizing and celebrating differences.

**11:00 - 11:30 : Coffee Break, Networking**

**11:30 – 1:00 : Types of learners.**

Learning styles and interests. Special learners. Whole school policies for successful differentiation. Problems of global classrooms. Creating a learning environment that is supportive. Planning differentiation without anxiety and fatigue. Strategies for differentiation for mixed ability.

**1:00 - 1:30 : Lunch Break, Networking**

**1:30 – 3:00 pm : How to differentiate.**

Forms of differentiated content, activities, support, response, and gradation. Classroom practices for differentiation. Activities, exercises, ideas to help differentiation in all subjects. Integration and differentiation.

**3:00- 3:15 : coffee Break,**

**3:15 - 4:30: Assessing** to encourage the learner and inform the teacher. Expectations and support systems in differentiated assessment. A variety of assessment techniques. Reporting to empower.

**4:30 - 4:45 : Interactive Questions : Distribution of Certificate**

### Registration Form

**Registration fee for per participant s Dhs. 800/-**

Note: Course Materials, Certificate, Refreshments & Lunches are included.

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