



## GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2012 NO 2

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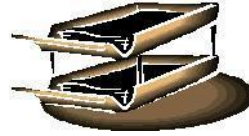
## *Gifted Resources News*

This month we have a second Gifted Resources Newsletter.

It has been a very busy month for me - with virtually attending The Global Education Conference 2012 last week, conducting a film discussion on the film *The Incredibles* with a group of parents in Texas by Skype and presenting webinars for Jo Hart's SerendipEd Fine Focus sessions using Blackboard Collaborate and working on re-cataloguing the Gifted Resources library. I am still reviewing the information, contacts and links I discovered during the Global Education Conference and writing blog posts about it as time permits. I have included a section in this newsletter giving links to recent posts on Gifted Resources blog and Sprite's Site blog.



## WHAT'S IN THE IN TRAY?



These items have been received recently and can be found in the In Tray which is located on the Home page of Gifted Resources Website [www.giftedresources.org](http://www.giftedresources.org) If you are not able to access the links here please go to the In Tray to access them.

If you would like information included in the newsletter and/or the In Tray please send to [contributions@giftedresources.org](mailto:contributions@giftedresources.org)

DERRIN CRAMER A series of 3 workshops at the Inspiration Factory's Academy of Inspiration.  
November 21, 28, Dec 5th 6.30 - 8.30pm [WEBSITE](#)

**TAGT CONFERENCE Building connections 28-30 November 2012** [WEBSITE](#)

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK Family Pizza Night 2 December 2012 [WEBSITE](#)

VAGTC CONFERENCE EmpowerEd for Giftedness 23-24 April 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

WORLD COUNCIL FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN 20th Biennial World Conference  
"Celebrating Giftedness and Creativity" 10-14 August 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

ICTDE Turkey 25-28 September 2013 [WEBSITE](#)





## GIFTED RESOURCES ACTIVITY REPORT 2012

During 2012 Jo Freitag /Gifted Resources has:

Relocated the Gifted Resources office materials, library and resources  
Updated the Gifted Resources library catalogue  
Provided information and resources for teachers and parents during personal consultations, by phone and by email  
Provided information and resources for homeschooling families and those contemplating commencement of home schooling  
Undertaken project work with Borderlands <http://www.borderlands.org.au/>

Presented two Edublogs SerendipEd Fine Focus webinars 'Which de Bono Action Shoes are best for a 2E student on Gagne's DMGT Road?'  
An overview and the recording of the presentation can be seen on Jo Hart's E-everything blog at <http://johart1.edublogs.org/2012/10/23/webinar-overviews-edublogs-serendipity-de-bono-action-shoes-for-2e-students/>  
and here <http://johart1.edublogs.org/2012/11/15/edublogs-webinar-overviews-pt-2-de-bono-action-shoes-for-2e-students-a-serendipity-shared-tools/>

Presented a Film Discussion on The Incredibles via Skype to a group of parents of gifted students in Houston, Texas  
Participated in online conferences, Edublogs Fine Focus and SerendipEd webinars, and weekly global #gtchat sessions  
Updated the Gifted Resources blog and continued to maintain Sprite's Site blog which was nominated for the Sydney Writers' Centre Best Australian Blogs competition.  
Developed and maintained the website for Gifted Resources  
<http://www.giftedresources.org> Jo Freitag's website and Sprite's Site Blog  
<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/>  
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## **GIFTED SUPPORT GROUPS**

### **GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK**

(Formerly Bayside Young Active Minds - BYAMS)

Active network in Melbourne's south eastern region offering the following services to families with gifted children:

- \* "Mini Minds" - activities for preschoolers
- \* "Primary Minds" - activities for primary school aged children and their parents
- \* "Teens & Tweens" - activities for teenagers and their parents each term
- \* Information evenings with expert speakers covering issues relating to the gifted
- \* Daytime and evening social events for parents to share their experience of parenting the gifted child
- \* Comprehensive members' library
- \* Quarterly newsletter containing professional articles

For further information visit [www.giftedsupport.org](http://www.giftedsupport.org)

P.O. Box 2808 Cheltenham, 3192

Email address is [admin@giftedsupport.org](mailto:admin@giftedsupport.org)

**For the full program of Gifted Support Network activities see the excellent calendar of events at <http://www.giftedsupport.org>**

### **'THE BIG BANG COFFEE CLUB'**

The Big Bang Coffee Club meets on the first Monday of the month at 9.30am (School and Public Holidays excepted) at:

The Coffee Club

Shop 49-50

Moonee Ponds Central

14-16 Hall Street

#### **Moonee Ponds**

3 hours of free undercover parking is available in the Moonee Ponds Central car park

Contacts:

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Tina McCarthy

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### **MAROONDAH GIFTED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOC.**

Morning Coffee at MacDonald's, Maroondah Hwy. Croydon Vic. at 10.30 am on the first Wednesday of the month

Postal address:

c/- 13 Heathwood St

Ringwood East Vic 3135

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Phone 9779 4218

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### **BELGRAVE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**

Meetings generally monthly on Mondays

Contact Heike Reich

Phone (03) 9752 5420

Email [heikemagnus@yahoo.com.au](mailto:heikemagnus@yahoo.com.au)

Monday 3 December 2012

As a follow on to the excellent talk on Seal programs by our two young guest speakers we are continuing with the SEAL theme with Andrew Barker, currently the Sub-School Leader for Junior School at Gleneagles Secondary College in charge of year 7,8,9 student management, programs and welfare who has been teaching SEAL programs for 7 years

Contact Heike Reich on 9752-5420 for details

## CHIP GEELONG

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong

Contact

Maura Donohue email [mauradonohue@aapt.net.au](mailto:mauradonohue@aapt.net.au)



**FREE FAMILY  
FUN DAY**

**and MAGIC WORKSHOP!**

***Your family is invited to the  
CHIP Family Support Group Inc.  
End of year event!***

**Sunday November 25th - Highton Primary School Hall**

**1.00pm - Families meet for pizza lunch and chat**

**2.00pm - Dazzling Dan the Magic Man show**

**2.30 - 3.30pm - The first 30 CHIP to RSVP**

**will attend a magic workshop!**

Children will learn how to construct and perform a  
magic trick to take home

Suitable for all ages - great opportunity to network  
with CHIP families.

### **SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP OFFER**

Register or renew your membership on the day  
and get your first workshop in 2013 free.

Booking is compulsory:  
please email [sue.bettanin@gmail.com](mailto:sue.bettanin@gmail.com)  
**Please RSVP by WEDNESDAY NOV 22**

Please note: Siblings attending,  
but not participating in CHIP workshops  
are not permitted to stay/play unsupervised on school grounds.

## CASTERTON AND DISTRICT AREA

Catriona Hill would like to connect with other parents of gifted children in Casterton and District area

Contact : Catriona Hill

Phone (03)55812529

Mobile 0419008734

Email: [antrim@netspace.net.au](mailto:antrim@netspace.net.au)

Web: <http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/tallpoppysyndrome/>

### **GIFTED RESOURCE AND INFORMATION GROUP - CASEY/CARDINIA**

For families with gifted children in Casey/Cardinia

Contact

Victoria Poulos

Phone 0420 286 307

Email [victoriapoulos@gmail.com](mailto:victoriapoulos@gmail.com)

### **BADGER – BAIRNSDALE AND DISTRICT GIFTED EDUCATION REFORM**

Contact

Email [badger.org@aapt.net.au](mailto:badger.org@aapt.net.au).

Phone 0423 708 061

### **VICTORIA / NEW SOUTH WALES**

#### **NSW ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED & TALENTED CHILDREN ALBURY/WODONGA SUPPORT GROUP**

*Meets bi-monthly in Wodonga, Victoria, and welcomes parents & teachers of gifted children*

*For information contact*

*Secretary, Cathy Baillie (02) 6021 5913*

*Phone: 02 60215913*

*Assistant Secretary, Jeannie Bowen (02) 6021 2073*

*website link <http://www.nswagtc.org.au/albury-wodonga>*

## **ACT Gifted and Talented Local Support Group**

### **Term 4 Coffee and Chat**

**Where:** Coffee Shop, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Clunies Ross Street, Acton, ACT

**When:** 9.30am – 11.00am Friday 2nd November and Friday 30th November 2012

Coffee and chat is open for anyone to attend. Parents can attend with young children and babies. Bring your questions or articles to discuss.

### **Facebook Page Trial**

Do you feel the need to communicate about gifted more regularly? The ACT group has set up a Facebook page for interested parents. This is a trial to see if it is of use to people. If you wish to join the page please send an email to [actgifted@gmail.com](mailto:actgifted@gmail.com)

Elizabeth Singer

Convenor

October 2012

[actgifted@gmail.com](mailto:actgifted@gmail.com)

# NEWS FROM THE VAGTC

## EmpowerED ....for giftedness

The VAGTC will be hosting our biennial conference on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th April 2013.

EmpowerED for Giftedness

A Conference focusing on Differentiation

with Keynote Speaker

Susan Winebrinner

Suan Winebrinner is a full-time consultant in staff development. She presents workshops and seminars nationally and internationally, helping educators translate educational research into classroom practice.

Susan is the author or co-author of The Cluster Grouping Handbook (with Dina Brulles, PhD.) Teaching Gifted Kids in the Classroom, Teaching Kids with Learning Difficulties in the Regular Classroom, and Differentiating Content for Gifted Learners Grades 6-12.

### Expression of Interest

To register your expression of interest please complete the following form and send to VAGTC, PO Box 132, Caulfield South 3163.

### Buy your tickets online

Early Bird Registration (pay before 31st December 2012 and save!)

- \* VAGTC/AAEGT Members (\$495)
- \* Non Members (\$545)
- \* Parent Session - Members (\$20)
- \* Parent Session - Non Members (\$25)

### Normal Registration

- \* VAGTC/AAEGT Members (\$545)
- \* Non Members (\$595)
- \* Parents (\$150)

## Gifted Families Support Group

PO Box 51 Miranda NSW 1490

<http://www.gfsg.org.au>

Gifted Families Support Group Incorporated is a not for profit group formed in 2012 by local Mums looking for more activities for their children. The group is designed to support families of gifted children.

It is our goal to use our experience with our own children, coupled with invaluable advice from others on the gifted journey, to provide families with the support they need.

## Calendar of Events

### OCTOBER

6th - ANSTO Excursion- session 1  
14th - Mum's Dinner (Revesby Workers Club)  
12th - Little GEMs (Centenary Park Miranda)  
12th - GEM - Paper plane problems  
19th - Little GEMs (Engadine Park)  
20th - ANSTO Excursion - session 2  
26th - Little GEMs (Hazelhurst Art Gallery)

### NOVEMBER

2nd - Little GEMs (Camellia Gardens Carinbah)  
3rd - ANSTO Excursion - session 3  
5th - Parent/Teacher Seminar presented by Gifted Minds  
9th - Little GEMs (Woronora Park and Boatshed)  
9th - GEM - Magnificent Marshmallow and spaghetti skyscrapers  
16th - Little GEMs (Riverwood Community Centre Park)  
23rd - Little GEMs (Excursion to Darling Harbour)  
25th - Mums Christmas Dinner  
30th - Little GEMs (Lambeth Reserve, Picnic Point)

### DECEMBER

7th - Little GEMs (Sutherland Pool)  
7th - GEM - Christmas Carol Capers  
14th - Little GEMs (Shelley Beach)  
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## International Connections

At the Global Education Conference in November 2012, David Stoloff, Professor of Educational Technology at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic, Connecticut, and I discussed how gifted students might connect to the world. David invited students and parents to explore <http://www.epals.com/> for collaborative projects among classrooms throughout the world.

For college and university students and educators, David invited people to visit <http://interconescu.wordpress.com/>. One may post a comment on this blog that David would see or email him at [stoloffd@easternct.edu](mailto:stoloffd@easternct.edu) to explore becoming involved in international classroom exchanges for college students.

David Stoloff

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## Re-cataloguing the Gifted Resources Library



Recently I have embarked on the task of re-cataloguing the Gifted Resources Library. Prior to moving from Croydon to Rosebud I returned the 300 VAGTC Library books which I had been housing and circulating to the VAGTC and gave a large number of the 700 Gifted Resources library books to a local homeschooling group.

So I took the Library page down from the Gifted Resources website.

Also I have a stack of new books which I have bought and kind people have donated for Gifted Resources library which have not yet been catalogued and classified.

When I prepared to update the Gifted Resources library catalogue I found that the program I had been using is no longer freeware. So I have started afresh using Excel spreadsheets.



I am enjoying the re-cataloguing as I do not have a time deadline for the work and can pause to read the books as I assign a classification number and record the details. Some of the books have been signed by the authors.

Also I am reminded of the kindness of the people who donated books to the library – Catriona Coote, Gail Forbes, Jennifer Grant and several others.

When the re-cataloguing is complete I will add the Library page again and post the catalogue on Gifted Resources website



## GLD Australia

GLD Australia is a new national online learning community responding to the needs of gifted children and gifted adults with specific learning disability and other learning challenges, and the needs of those who care for, teach and advocate for them, through the sharing of information, research and personal experiences.

GLD Australia is an independent community with a member-owned and member-operated closed Yahoo Group list. Messages are not archived, which means that they do not appear on an internet search. Members' names will never appear on the Yahoo Group discussion forum unless the member posts a message (which will be sent only to other GLD Australia members).

GLD Australia is affiliated with the Australian Association for the Education of the Gifted and Talented (**AAEGT**): <http://www.aaegt.net.au>, which is the Australian national umbrella association for State gifted associations. GLD Australia has no political or commercial affiliations.

Members of GLD Australia include parents, educators and other professionals dedicated to promoting awareness and understanding of the challenges faced by people who identify as gifted with learning disability (**GLD**) and related issues, thereby assisting them to benefit from specialised identification and intervention/treatment as early as possible. Members participate in the community as individuals and support one another without commercial interest. Adults who themselves identify as GLD are strongly encouraged to join.

You may have seen such individuals referred to internationally as "**2e**" (twice-exceptional) or "**DME**" (dual or multiple exceptionality).

GLD Australia does not endorse or promote any particular therapy, remedial program, medical or allied health professional, treatment, method, solution, theory, diagnosis, diet, medicine, vitamin, product, service, business, coaching college, school or educational philosophy.

### **Joining GLD Australia is free.**

However, GLD Australia requests that its members **also become and remain financial members of a State gifted association or a State SPELD** as they wish.

To join, send an email to: [gld.australia@yahoo.com.au](mailto:gld.australia@yahoo.com.au)

Everyone involved in GLD Australia is an unpaid volunteer. Sometimes it may take a few days for messages to be answered.

### GLD Australia face-to-face meetings:

GLD Australia members who live in the same city, town, local area or regional/remote area are encouraged to hold ad hoc **face-to-face meetings** if they wish but, because GLD Australia is not an incorporated association and has no insurance, local groups will need to find a venue which does not require a certificate of currency.

There are no "rules" regarding the holding, frequency, administration or advertising of such individual GLD Australia gatherings. Participants may appoint a local convenor to call regular meetings and source guest speakers, or they may just agree among themselves to meet in X cafe on Y date.

### What kinds of issues are discussed by GLD Australia members?

At both face-to-face meetings and on the Yahoo Group, members discuss issues such as: interpreting IQ assessments, raising and teaching GLD children and teens, liaising with schools and teachers, applying for special provisions for State exams, NAPLAN and scholarship tests, as well as a wide variety of therapies and learning disabilities and other learning challenges, such as ADHD and ASD. In keeping with the GLD "recipe" of BOTH feed the gift AND accommodate/remediate the disabilities, topics about supporting "plain" gifted are also included. GLD adults are encouraged to share their journeys.

As a GLD Australia Yahoo Group member, you can either read others' messages or post your own messages (or both!). Members' names will never appear on the forum unless they post a message.

### More information:

Questions about GLD Australia are welcomed. Questions and reports of difficulty in joining electronically may be addressed to the GLD Australia national coordinator, Carol Barnes: [carol@bartink.com.au](mailto:carol@bartink.com.au)

Everyone involved in GLD Australia is an unpaid volunteer. Sometimes it may take up to 14 days for messages to be answered.

## GLD Australia

Do you know a **gifted** child with a **learning disability**?

Or perhaps a child with high intellectual potential but also "something else going on" which interferes with some aspects of school achievement and/or social/emotional well-being, both inside and outside school?

Are you a teacher with a student who seems quite bright but whose academic output is inexplicably erratic and inconsistent?

Or perhaps you are an adult who has enjoyed considerable success in life, but may have always suspected that there was "something" holding you back?

Maybe you're a medical or allied health professional who works with people such as those described above?

### Then perhaps you'll be interested in learning more about GLD Australia

[29 June 2012]

### What is GLD Australia?

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GLD Australia is an independent community with a member-owned and member-operated **closed and non-archived** Yahoo Group list. It is affiliated with the Australian Association for the Education of the Gifted and Talented (AAEQT): <http://www.aaeqt.net.au>, which is the Australian national umbrella association for State gifted associations. GLD Australia has no political or commercial affiliations.

### Who joins GLD Australia?

Members of GLD Australia include parents, educators and other professionals dedicated to promoting awareness and understanding of the challenges faced by gifted people with learning disability (GLD) and related issues, thereby assisting them to benefit from specialised identification and intervention or treatment as early as possible. Members participate in the community as individuals and support one another without commercial interest. Adults who themselves identify as GLD are strongly encouraged to join.

Participants in GLD Australia represent a very diverse group – from those whose child or student has been formally identified as gifted and/or as having a learning disability or related issue, to those who simply have a "feeling" that the child is not achieving academically as well as they could or should. Included also are gifted adults who may have achieved extraordinary things in their lives, yet may have always suspected that there was "something" holding them back – perhaps in the areas of reading or writing or spelling or math or concentration or emotional regulation.

You may have seen such individuals referred to internationally as "2e" (twice-exceptional) or "DME" (dual or multiple exceptionality).

### Why was GLD Australia formed?

Parents and teachers sometimes assume that all clever children, having supposedly won the genetic lottery, will invariably enjoy school, learn effortlessly, and succeed academically. Sadly this is not always the case. Some gifted children are every day silently struggling with an unidentified learning disability or other learning challenge.

Children need not be actually failing at school to be suffering from a learning disability – many are not identified until late primary or early high school. A surprising number of gifted children experience chronic underachievement due to learning disability – and the higher the IQ, the later an accurate diagnosis is made. By then for some gifted, it may already be too late.

### How do I join GLD Australia?

Joining GLD Australia is **free**.

Send an email to: [glg.australia@yahoo.com.au](mailto:glg.australia@yahoo.com.au)  
You will be sent an auto-invitation to join. Follow the steps in the invitation and your name will be added automatically.

Although there is no fee to join, GLD Australia requests that its members **also become and remain financial members of a State gifted association or a State SPELD** (learning disabilities association), as they wish. This is run on an honour-system, but we're confident that most GLD Australia members will comply with this request and will join whatever existing State association they feel best suits their own needs.

State gifted associations and State SPELD associations represent, support and advocate for the many thousands of gifted people and people with learning disability throughout Australia. Many of these vulnerable learners have chronic literacy problems and some are functionally illiterate. The implications are enormous – for academic and employment success, mental health, self-efficacy, community involvement and socio-economic status.

Gifted children with learning disability are sometimes identified first as being "lazy" or "unmotivated". Some are first noticed because they present with "behaviour problems".

State associations support such learners by promoting best-practice teaching, evidence-based intervention, quality teacher training and ongoing academic research within the areas of giftedness, learning disability and other learning challenges.

### These associations need our support.

GLD Australia members need not join a gifted or SPELD association in their own State, and are of course free to choose whichever one most appeals to them. GLD Australia has no special relationship with any State gifted association or any State SPELD.

A list of State **gifted** associations can be found here:  
<http://www.aaeqt.net.au/associations.htm>

A list of State **SPELDs** can be found here:  
<http://auspeld.mediacloud.com.au/state-associations>

## #GT Chat goes to TAGT 12



There will not be a Twitter #gtchat session this week due to the US Thanksgiving holiday but next week will be very exciting.

Lisa Conrad, (@gtchatmod) the moderator of #gtchat, will be attending and giving presentations at the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented Building Connections Conference <http://tagt.txgifted.org/registration> in Dallas, November 28 – 30, 2012 and TAGT's [Parent Conference](#) on November 30th.

Lisa will be presenting sessions titled “Why You Should #gtchat on Twitter and, “Collaboration, Not Confrontation: Parents and Teachers Working Together”

On Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, #gtchat will be live from the Social Connections Area in the Exhibit Hall. It will begin @10:30AM CT for conference attendees (although everyone is invited online) and from 11AM to Noon CT [Find your time [here](#).] on Twitter. The topic will be “Building Bridges with #gtchat”.

Following chat, there will be a 40 minute Tweet-Up for those at the conference.

Chat participants on Twitter are invited to tweet about how they have connected with others via #gtchat and how it has affected their lives. Many friendships have been made and many hours of professional development have been delivered since its beginning in January 2010.

In preparation for this chat, Lisa has provided some of the questions that will be presented during the chat on November 30<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped that online Tweeps will share with conference attendees the benefits of weekly chats.

Questions:

- 1) How has #gtchat connected you to the gifted community?
- 2) How do you use Twitter in your daily life?
- 3) How has #gtchat affected how you parent/teach?
- 4) Are you involved in other Twitter chats

## Gifted Phoenix Twitter Round-Up 10

<http://giftedphoenix.wordpress.com/2012/11/20/gifted-phoenix-twitter-round-up-volume-10/>

### Gifted Phoenix Twitter Round-Up: Volume 10

November 20, 2012 — giftedphoenix

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Here, rather belatedly, is my latest review of [@Gifted Phoenix](#) Twitter activity.



The [previous edition](#) was published as long ago as 14 July, so this post covers over four months of activity.

I intend to publish approximately termly reviews henceforward – either three or four a year, depending on my level of industry (and Twitter activity) and your level of interest!

I have made some adjustments to reflect these new arrangements. Rather than attempt coverage of my entire Twitter feed, I have concentrated on drawing together material relevant to gifted education.

As far as wider education policy is concerned, I have included only those tweets that are pertinent to gifted education in England.

## FROM DERRIN CRAMER

**November 21, 28, December 5th 6.30 - 8.30pm**

**A 3 Workshop series at the Academy of Inspiration, Subiaco**

### **Riding the Rollercoaster of Giftedness**

This series of 3 workshops will go into more depth on a number of topics covered in the initial Information Night with the Academy of Inspiration.

Topics covered include Myth-conceptions, friendship and social issues, intensity and giftedness in families. We will also look at IQ testing, gifted children with learning difficulties and ways to turn giftedness into success.

If you are unable to attend the first session you are still welcome to attend the workshop series.

For more information and bookings go to

<http://www.theinspirationfactory.com.au/event/209-riding-the-roller-coaster-of-giftedness-3-wk-workshop.html>

### **Thinking Ahead**

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## 20th Biennial World Conference “Celebrating Giftedness and Creativity”

The Executive Committee of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children (WCGTC) is pleased to announce that the 20th Biennial World Conference “Celebrating Giftedness and Creativity” has been relocated to Louisville, Kentucky USA. The new dates for the conference will be August 10-14. The first day of the conference will be the optional Workshop Day. All previous registrations will be honored for Louisville. Information and Registration details will be posted soon on the World Council website [www.world-gifted.org](http://www.world-gifted.org), and on the new conference website at [www.worldgifted2013.org](http://www.worldgifted2013.org)

## NEWS FROM GERRIC



**UNSW**  
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
SYDNEY - CANBERRA - AUSTRALIA

**GERRIC**  
Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences



### The Certificate of Gifted Education

<http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/for-educators/coge/>

Face to face in Sydney or Online 2013

Applications Now Open! (PDF) (3 Mb)

[http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/media/File/COGE\\_2013\\_Brochure\\_.pdf](http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/media/File/COGE_2013_Brochure_.pdf)

Master classes

<http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/for-educators/master-class/>

Student Programs 2013

<http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/for-gifted-students/>

## FREE UNIVERSITY COURSES

Melbourne Uni has partnered with Coursera <https://www.coursera.org/> to offer free university level courses online.

The Age reports the classes are proving hugely popular  
<http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/people-flock-online-for-free-university-education-20121102-28pq6.html>

There are many universities taking part in this initiative and it is a great opportunity to undertake study without cost.

Melbourne Uni Coursera courses: <https://www.coursera.org/unimelb>

Coursera site: <https://www.coursera.org/>

## RECENT BLOG POSTS

My blog posts about Global Education Conference 2012

My blog posts about Global Education Conference on Sprite's Site blog

Getting ready for the Global Education Conference

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<http://www.giftedresources.org/giftedblog/2012/11/12/globalcon-12/>

International connections

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## SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

Kids Like Us

<http://www.kidslikeus.org.au/>

Global Education Conference

<http://www.globaleducationconference.com/>

WCGTC Conference 2013

<http://www.worldgifted2013.org/>

The Deep End re Hurricane Sandy

<http://welcometothedeepend.com/2012/11/02/strands-of-light/>

The common mom How to recognize a parent of a gifted child

<http://thecommonmom.com/how-to-recognize-a-parent-of-a-gifted-child/>

Confratute 2013

[http://www.gifted.uconn.edu/confratute/About\\_Confratute.html](http://www.gifted.uconn.edu/confratute/About_Confratute.html)

STEM Challenge

<http://www.stemchallenge.org/>

TPACK

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TED Ed videos

<http://ed.ted.com/videos>

Virtual worlds

<http://www.scoop.it/t/3d-virtual-worlds-educational-technology>

Instagrok

<http://www.instagrok.com/>

Smiling mind

<http://smilingmind.com.au/>

We need to think very, very seriously about this

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[http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/indecent\\_exposure.htm](http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/indecent_exposure.htm)



Life with intensity blogspot

<http://lifewithintensity.blogspot.co.nz/2011/06/top-ten-things-i-wish-teachers.html?m=1>

Marina Holland

<http://marinaholland.com/>

New York Times: How do you raise a prodigy?

[http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/04/magazine/how-do-you-raise-a-prodigy.html?smid=tw-share&\\_r=1&](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/04/magazine/how-do-you-raise-a-prodigy.html?smid=tw-share&_r=1&)

Unwrapping the gifted: Unexpected journey

[http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/unwrapping\\_the\\_gifted/2012/09/unexpected\\_journey.html?qs=gifted](http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/unwrapping_the_gifted/2012/09/unexpected_journey.html?qs=gifted)

Byrdseed gifted

Impostor syndrome

<http://www.byrdseed.com/the-curious-case-of-impostor-syndrome/>

Beating dyslexia

<http://www.beatingdyslexia.com/>

Dyslexia Speld

<http://www.dyslexia-speld.com/>

Education Beyond Borders

<http://www.educationbeyondborders.org/>

Sydney Morning Herald Principles of the tweeting principals

<http://www.smh.com.au/technology/technology-news/principles-of-the-tweeting-principals-20121111-2967g.html>

Sophia

<http://www.sophia.org/>

Carolyn Coil: Myths about Gifted Students

[http://schoolsofthought.blogs.cnn.com/2012/11/14/ten-myths-about-gifted-students-and-programs-for-gifted/?hpt=hp\\_bn1](http://schoolsofthought.blogs.cnn.com/2012/11/14/ten-myths-about-gifted-students-and-programs-for-gifted/?hpt=hp_bn1)

Gifted Phoenix Gifted Education in Israel Part 1

<http://giftedphoenix.wordpress.com/2012/11/15/gifted-education-in-israel-part-one/>

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<http://giftedphoenix.wordpress.com/2012/11/20/gifted-phoenix-twitter-round-up-volume-10/>

Picassohead

<http://www.picassohead.com/create.html>

Global class Twitter

<http://globalclasstwitter.wikispaces.com/>

NAGC Conference Day 1

[http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/unwrapping\\_the\\_gifted/2012/11/national\\_gifted\\_education\\_conv.html](http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/unwrapping_the_gifted/2012/11/national_gifted_education_conv.html)

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[http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/unwrapping\\_the\\_gifted/2012/11/national\\_gifted\\_education\\_conv\\_1.html?cmp=SOC-SHR-TW](http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/unwrapping_the_gifted/2012/11/national_gifted_education_conv_1.html?cmp=SOC-SHR-TW)

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<http://www.nagcbrtain.org.uk/index.php>

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[http://www.ted.com/talks/rory\\_sutherland\\_life\\_lessons\\_from\\_an\\_ad\\_man.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/rory_sutherland_life_lessons_from_an_ad_man.html)

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<http://cybraryman.com/gamepuzzle.html#OtherSites>

GT Chat Paper-li

<http://paper.li/tag/gtchat#>

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<http://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2012/11/20/gtchat-goes-to-tagt-12/>

Edublogs Awards 2012 Nominations

<http://edublogawards.com/nominate/>

Laughing at Chaos 2E Tuesday Executive function issues

<http://laughingatchaos.com/2012/11/20/2e-tuesday-executive-function-issues/>

Young gifted and special

<http://www.senmagazine.co.uk/articles/1100-young-gifted-and-special-the-complex-world-of-the-dual-or-multiple-exceptional-child.html>

Gratitude and giving thanks

<http://ameanderingjourney.wordpress.com/2012/11/20/gratitude-and-giving-thanks/>

An interview with Prof Peter Csermely

<http://educationviews.org/an-interview-with-professor-peter-csermely-european-council-for-high-ability/>

Memrise – Learn something new every day

<http://www.memrise.com/>

Prufrock Press

<http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=0cfd8f64b5e6f21868fc59e37&id=6040187d0d&e=0205cab362>

Prufrock Press blog

<http://blog.prufrock.com/2012/11/2/lv8yeduczpti1pn5n7vdsnwu2rki9v8>

A Big Project - Bring it or sing it

<http://getideas.org/thought-leader/a-big-project-bring-it-or-sing-it/>

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