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Biography:

Ann Straub, is an International Advisor for the Council of International Schools (CIS). In this role, she supports CIS Global Citizenship Services and is a Qualified Administrator for the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI). She trains teachers and educational leaders who are strategically focused on developing intercultural competency and global citizens, intercultural leadership, and intercultural learning to promote a diverse and inclusive culture. Ann was previously the Director of Curriculum and Staff Development at the International School of Bangkok and a trainer for the Principals' and Teachers' Training Center in Miami and London. She holds a Master's degree and a Certificate of Education Leadership from the State University of New York. She currently lives in Middlebury, Vermont, USA with her husband Peter and their Westie pup, Daks.

Workshop Description

Workshop Title: Relationships Are Everything: Intercultural Competence in Our Schools

What is your school's definition of global citizenship and intercultural competence? How is this put into practice and measured? The words "global citizenship" and "global or intercultural competency" often appear in school's guiding statements, but what this looks like and how to accomplish this is often frustratingly vague with a "hit or miss" approach prevailing. This requires educators who understand what is meant by intercultural learning and strive to first understand and develop intercultural competence in themselves and then their students. In this interactive workshop, we will refer to research on intercultural competence and cultural frameworks, particularly Chinese and "Western" frameworks while reflecting on our own intercultural competence, and how this affects our relationships with students, parents and colleagues. In this interactive workshop, participants will apply their learning to an international school case study and their own school 's context thus gaining a much clearer picture of where they are in this journey with subsequent steps in mind.

Intended Audience: This workshop is designed for all international educators, both teachers and leaders, who are interested in developing their own intercultural competence and developing the potential of their students and colleagues through increased intercultural skills and understanding.