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Proposal Title:

"IDEA 2013 Paris Congress" Report ~ From One Global Position Point to Another: Arts education for tomorrow

Description:

In this presentation, JULIE ANN MAY will report on "IDEA 2013 Paris Congress" 8th World Congress of the International Drama/Theatre and Education Association, of July 2013 in Paris, France. This international conference showcased international practices and experiences respecting the integration of Arts in education. Content was multi-disciplinary relating to structures and approaches utilized around the world. JA's presentation will report on key themes of IDEA and how each supports the constructs of 'better universal understanding' of; and a 'greater impact/benefit'; from educational programs where creativity and art are foundational support features. IDEA offered tremendous insight into the 'science of learning' and addressed questions about how the brain receives information and learning through the Arts: theatre, drama, cinema, visual arts and music. This presentation shares examples of success in the field as creative educators engage the Arts to evoke positive social and cultural change, particularly in 'high-risk' (or threatening) social environments and/or conflict zones.