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Proposal Title:

“Languages in Motion” Report ~ The Power of the Arts in Education ~ the Proof is in the Learning!

Description:

In this presentation, Julie Ann May will report on “Languages in Motion” International Symposium of September 2012 in Nantes, France. This international symposium showcased international success stories as best practice examples for educators with a focus on integrating the arts into language learning. Highlights of the event were experiential components demonstrating employment of the ‘process drama’ teaching method. Emphasis in forums was placed on the benefits the teaching technique has on individual capacity for learning, cultural skills and self and social attitudes. JA’s presentation will focus specifically on the integration of performance art and ‘process drama’ in particular into learning situations (classroom, teacher PD, etc.). The presentation consists of two parts: First, JA will highlight successful initiatives implemented in the UK, France and Australia, and second, JA will lead workshop attendees through a sample ‘process drama’ activity.