

# Rethinking the Challenging Child

Understanding and incorporating the challenging child into your classroom



Behavioural issues commonly impact the classroom culture and the teacher's ability to achieve required educational outcomes. Would you like to have the challenging children in your classroom engaged in optimal learning processes? This workshop will help you utilise research-based strategies for successful classroom dynamics to create a positive classroom environment for all.

## Topics covered:

### *Who is in your classroom?*

#### *Recognising students with problematic behaviour*

- Challenging the authority of the teacher
- Students who isolate themselves
- Minimally verbal students
- Oppositional behaviour
- The class clown
- The aggressive child
- The monopoliser
- The anxious child
- The impulsive or restless child
- The unfocused or disconnected child

### *Understanding vs Labelling*

- Autism/Aspergers Syndrome,
- ADHD, Anxiety Disorder

### *Ego development and creativity as parallel processes*

#### *Addressing the issue, distraction or sublimation*

#### *Tools to use for these behaviours and why they work*

#### *Developing your own creative style*

Participants will leave this workshop with greater confidence and a toolbox of simple, practical skills and resources to work with challenging children in their classroom. Teachers will also be able to immediately implement these skills to begin seeing the benefits unfolding.

Leonie Reisberg, MFA, MPS, ATR-BC, brought Kidslink to Australia in 2002. Now a successful Sydney based social skills program for children with challenging behaviours, Kidslink focuses on working creatively with these children, particularly children with Asperger's Syndrome or ADHD. Many of these children have exhibited significant behavioural breakthroughs.

Leonie brings her 27 years of creative clinical experience with challenging children, sharing her skills, insights and practical techniques with you. She received her Masters of Professional Services in Art Therapy and Creativity from Pratt Institute, New York in 1986. Leonie is also Board Certified by the American Art Therapy Association.