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BECOMING SOMEBODY: REDISCOVERING OUR HUMAN INTELLIGENCE AND REGENERATING WHAT MATTERS.

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Abstract

As artificial intelligence becomes increasingly capable of writing, translating, explaining, creating and even teaching, perhaps the most important question for educators is not how intelligent our technology will become, but what we will do with our own human intelligence. In this interactive and thought-provoking plenary, we will mindfully explore what it really means to be intelligent, moving beyond traditional notions of IQ to consider multiple intelligences, emotional intelligence, wisdom, compassion and our capacity to connect, regenerate and flourish together. Rather than seeing AI as either a threat to, or a replacement for human thinking, we will explore how it can extend our intelligence without outsourcing it: helping teachers and learners become more critical and creative by questioning assumptions, discovering new perspectives, thinking more deeply and creating new possibilities.

Through stories, humour, audience participation and examples from language teaching, we will consider what happens when the real teacher and the real learner remain at the heart of education.

Because in a world of increasingly intelligent machines, perhaps our greatest opportunity is not to become more artificial, but to become more fully human.

Biography

Founder of Laurus Regenerative, a social enterprise based in Spain specialising in training, projects and consultancy service for the education community with a special focus on wellbeing, creative thinking, effective communication and nature-inspired interventions Lawrence has a MSc in Mindfulness and Emotional Intelligence, and a MEd in Social Change and the Education Profession. He was an English teacher at the University of Málaga for 25 years, and during that time he also created and taught specific courses in mindfulness and emotional intelligence for schools and universities in Spain, Ireland and the UK. He is also an active and certified Cambridge speaking examiner at B1, B2 and C1 levels. Laurus currently collaborates on ERASMUS+ mobility programs and projects in Ireland, the UK, Italy, Bulgaria, Poland and Turkey, and as experts in CLIL methodology, acts as advisor and creator of bilingual programs for the Junta de Andalucia.

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