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EMPOWERMENT, ENGAGEMENT AND IDEAS. GLOBAL TRENDS AND STRATEGIES IN MODERN EDUCATION

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Abstract

We'll give you concrete steps in teaching: classes that can never fail, classroom discipline starts, and stops. Hacks, tips and actual plans to make teaching enjoyable, and useful.

In world of constant change, where updates of a world in flames are constantly pumped direct into our cortex....as a teacher (or student) it's easy to throw your hands in the air and say: 'what now?!' Education can feel stale, irrelevant and useless.

At best, we are offering to help students prepare for the future....or, at worst, are we bastions of an obsolete system, passing on skills and values our students will never need, for a life (professional and personal) that we cannot even imagine?

How will people communicate? How will people work? What skills will our student's need?

In a world where we increasingly observe, rather than participate, where we can instantly interpret everything and in which every effort appears to be made to STOP face to face interaction...what can we pass on that matters?

We'll ask a clever room a lot of questions. Bring your own clever.

Biography

Thom Jones has lived in more than a dozen countries and delivered training in over 70. Starting his professional life as a teacher, then into management, before going freelance. Formerly part of the senior executive at Embassy CES before becoming Director of Operations USA for Studygroup he returned to the UK to work with Trinity College London, and now works with a range of organisations on a wide variety of projects. He is College Principal for SBC Cambridge College each summer. He presents regularly around the world on a range of topics and is a guest lecturer at four universities. He is Ambassador of Buzz for Express Publishing and a teacher trainer with Sharing One Language (SOL). He once cycled from the UK to Turkey, travelling through 11 countries. He loves EdYouFest!