



## Workshop B

# Phil Dexter: Teaching for All - Applying Inclusive Practices.

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### Workshop Abstract

A main issue for teachers in inclusive practices is less about *who* we are teaching but more about *what* and *how* we are teaching supporting effective learning. In this workshop we look at what inclusive practices can mean for learners who may have a special educational need (identified or not identified) and how we can support all learners through a *teaching for all* approach. The focus will be on English language and how learners' first/home languages can be used effectively in promoting foreign language skills. We will explore good practice approaches to scaffolding and differentiation, why and how multisensory approaches are likely to be effective and how examples of generic activities can be applied to your school curriculum and teaching plans. The emphasis will be on the practical application and how we can ensure we can work towards making meaningful improvements in learning outcomes.