



***Closing Date***  
***15 July 2016***

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Singapore presents



# ***Power Story!***

***Effective use of storytelling in the English Language Classroom***

*An activity filled workshop by*

***Kiran Shah***

***Suitable for both Primary and Secondary School Teachers/Educationists***

**Half-day Workshop for 30 participants only**

**Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016**  
**2.00pm - 5.30pm**

**Venue: Alexandra Primary School (The Library)**  
2A Prince Charles Crescent, Singapore 159016

## **Workshop Goals and Objectives**

Stories are the collective wisdom of society. They are used to pass on messages, knowledge and values in a non-didactic manner. An awareness of varying learning styles has led to the need for different teaching approaches in modern classrooms.

This introductory workshop is aimed at primary and secondary level English Language teachers to enable them to use storytelling as a means to further develop students' language abilities.

Teachers will be introduced to storytelling activities and techniques that will help them to enhance students' participation in the English language classroom. Teachers will learn a quick process of learning to tell a story with confidence.

<b>REGISTRATION FEES FOR WORKSHOP (Max 30 participants)</b>		
<b>Fees Institute Members</b>	<b>Fees Life and Ordinary Members</b>	<b>Fees Non-Members</b>
<b>S\$120.00 per teacher</b> (maximum 2 from your school)	<b>S\$120.00 per member</b>	<b>S\$150.00</b> (inclusive of S\$30 Ordinary membership fee valid until 31/12/16)

***Use separate Registration Form please***

### **Registration Deadlines**

**Priority to ASCD (Singapore) Members: Please register by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016**  
**Closing Dates for All: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016 (or when seats are full)**

## Kiran Shah



Kiran Shah has had a varied career as a social worker, Montessori Directress, early childhood trainer and bookseller before she became a professional storyteller in 1999. She holds a BA (in Social Work and Sociology) and an MSc (in Early Childhood Education and Child Development). She has lived in the United States, Japan and Sri Lanka, working with children and their families.

Kiran has been instrumental in reviving the oral tradition of storytelling in Singapore (together with Sheila Wee) and nurturing storytellers. She co-founded the Storyteller's Circle (a special interest group under the Society of Reading and Literacy), was involved in organising the Asian Congress of Storytellers from 2002-2005 and was the Founder President of the Storytelling Association, Singapore in 2006. She is a contributing author to "The Singing Top-Tales from Malaysia, Singapore and Borneo" written by Margaret Read MacDonald, published in 2008. She has also contributed to a chapter in Team Up! Tell in Tandem" written and edited by Jonatha Wright, published in 2010. Kiran is also a life member of ASCD, Singapore.

As an early childhood educator, Kiran has taught courses in communication skills which involved understanding and being aware of the various forms of communication for maximum effect in passing on information and knowledge. She has also trained ITE students in presentation skills for a competition. In all the storytelling workshops that she has conducted, emphasis has been placed on the various storytelling techniques as a vital tool to engage the audience. In 2014, Kiran trained guides on Sentosa Island to tell their stories and pass on information to engage their visitors more effectively. In May 2015, Kiran trained docents for the National Art Gallery, on using storytelling as a means to engage their audience with a focus on South East Asian artists and their paintings. She also participated in the National Gallery's opening carnival in November 2015 and concurrent 398.2 Storytelling Festival.



Kiran moved to Australia in 2008. Apart from work in art galleries in Sydney and Canberra, she has been actively involved in storytelling around ASEAN and the region. Kiran continues to hone her craft by participating in conferences and festivals in Australia, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and India since 2010. She has also been conducting storytelling workshops for teachers in the Philippines and Indonesia. Kiran has just completed a 3-year project involving writing resource guides for volunteers on 280 children's picture books for the kidsREAD, a reading initiative by National Library Board, Singapore.

