

# Thursday, 2 December 2021

Time (GMT +7)

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2:00 – 2:05pm

WELCOME REMARKS: AusCham Representative & MC

2:05 – 2:25pm

## **Round Square Schools**

Round Square is an internationally diverse network of 200 like-minded schools in 50 countries on six continents that connect and collaborate to offer world-class programs and experiences, developing global competence, character and confidence in students.



Ben George, Schools Support Director (Australasia & East Asia)

# Thursday, 2 December 2021

2:25 – 2:45pm



## **Xcursion. Leadership & Positive Decisions For Excursions & Co-Curricular Programs.**

Xcursion is an Australian company that focuses on excursion risk management. It provides training for teachers to confidently manage risks in excursions and to keep students safe, as well as software and a mobile app to ensure risk management data is easily accessible during trips.

David Gregory, Chief Executive Officer

And

Paul Tame, Director of Risk Management (Australia)

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2:45 – 3:05pm

**Fieldwork Education**  
Improving Learning

## **Fieldwork Education**

Fieldwork Education provides international curriculum and professional learning to more than 15,000 teachers, in over 1000 schools, in over 90 countries globally, and it has become the fastest-growing independent primary curriculum in the world.

Sarah Blackmore, Head of International Curriculum (Singapore)

3:05 - 3:10pm

Break - Panel Q&A

# Thursday, 2 December 2021

3:10 – 3:30pm



## **The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation**

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a non-formal education and learning framework operating in more than 130 countries and territories around the world, through which young people's achievements outside of academia are recognized and celebrated.

James Etheridge, Operations Manager (United Kingdom)

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3:30 – 3:50pm



## **Leave No Trace**

Leave No Trace is a non-profit organization providing Leave No Trace programs, education, training and outreach from the USA to more than 100 countries around the globe. It focuses on applying a set of environmental ethics and principles when undertaking outdoor trips.

Tiffany Fernyhough, Leave No Trace Master Educator  
(Hong Kong)

3:50 - 4:00pm

Final Questions & Wrap Up

# MEET OUR GUEST SPEAKERS



Ben George



David Gregory



Paul Tame



Sarah Blackmore



Tiffany Fernyhough



James Etheridge



## BEN GEORGE

Schools Support Director  
(Australasia & East Asia)

As the Round Square Schools Support Director for Australasia & East Asia, Ben guides and supports development and collaboration between Round Square Schools across the region and is a member of the Round Square Worldwide Management Team.

Ben is an experienced facilitator, trainer and organizational leader in the field of experiential education, with over 20 years experience working in a variety of Outdoor Education Centers and High Schools in the United Kingdom, Hong Kong, Australia and Mainland China.

Prior to working for Round Square, Ben has been a member of the Founding Team and Director of Co-curricular Programs at the United World College of Changshu China, the Director of Operations at Higher Ground Australia and held leadership roles in experiential learning at St. Paul's Co-educational College and Outward Bound in Hong Kong.



DAVID GREGORY  
Chief Executive Officer

With over 20 years in outdoor education, David has developed and run residential outdoor programs for some of the largest private schools in Australia and has trained staff, built effective risk management systems and consulted on operational and risk management practices. David's work has been strongly influenced by the need to provide great educational opportunities for students to grow personally and academically through experiential education as well as ensure risks are minimized and well managed.



PAUL TAME  
Director of Risk  
Management

Paul has worked in education for over 25 years planning, developing, and running countless school excursions, activities and international programs. Paul has served as a risk management consultant for large public and private schools as well as universities. Paul has worked in numerous countries with Outward Bound, NOLS and other leading organisations as both a field instructor, guide, program administrator and basecamp director. He has been working specifically with a range of education programs in the US and internationally for the last 15 years.



SARAH BLACKMORE

Head of International  
Outreach and Development

Sarah is currently Fieldwork Education's Head of International Curriculum Association, the accreditation and services arm of the business. Based in Asia, Sarah has global responsibility for business development of the Fieldwork Education International Curriculum, the related professional development programs and the Recognition and Accreditation Services. Sarah has lived and worked in the APAC region for ten years. Before joining Fieldwork, she managed her own education company in China where she created a comprehensive series of curriculums for Chinese young people and training courses for Chinese teachers.

Following an Honors Degree at the University of Oxford, Sarah went on to complete postgraduate studies in teaching both children and adults specializing in English, literacy, disability and learning difficulties. She has gained extensive experience in pedagogical theory and practice through a varied career teaching in all phases of education both in the UK and overseas.



TIFFANY FERNYHOUGH

Tiffany Fernyhough is an outdoor educator who has worked as a facilitator and trip leader in Hong Kong, Canada and Vietnam. She has been overseeing the Leave No Trace program at Outward Bound Vietnam and has experience creating and delivering staff training curriculum within Vietnam.

Tiffany has been involved in the design and implementation of outdoor education curriculum in international schools and has delivered life-skill seminars and workshops to both school and university students. She is currently undertaking a Bachelor of Education degree.



JAMES ETHERIDGE

James Etheridge has been working for the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award for four years and currently oversees Award operations in Vietnam and Thailand, as well as many other countries worldwide. As a lifelong Scout and Gold Award holder, he is passionate about the impact non-formal education can have on young people around the world.

# MEET OUR MC



AARON FUNNELL

Executive Director of  
Outward Bound Vietnam  
AusCham Chair Education  
& Training Committee

Aaron Funnell sits on the board of directors of the Australian Chamber of Commerce, Vietnam, and is Chair of their Education & Training Committee.

He is the Executive Director of Outward Bound Vietnam and has been working in outdoor adventure education since 1997. Originally from Sydney, he has been based in Malaysia, Hong Kong, and most recently in Hanoi since 2017. In addition to outdoor qualifications, he has an MBA, a Masters of Education, and a Diploma of Training and Assessment.

Aaron also serves as a member and secretary of the Association for Experiential Education (USA) Accreditation Council, which sets standards for outdoor education in North America, and the Global Research Advisory Committee for Outward Bound International. He has convened several educational conferences and is a published scholar in outdoor education.

# KEY CONTACTS



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