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ABOUT US

EngageAsia is a not-for-profit corporation with a mission of engaging teachers in innovative programs that build cross-cultural understanding and foster community throughout the Pacific Rim. As an educational incubator, we seek to spark new ways to teach and learn, and also engage in activities designed to promote dialogue on these topics.

EngageAsia's programs aim to transform teachers to ultimately impact students, schools, and communities.

Directed by top experts in US-Asia relations, EngageAsia is headquartered in the United States with 501(c)(3) tax exempt status from the IRS governed by an independent Board of Trustees. EngageAsia is a member of the National Council for the Social Studies, the New York Council on Nonprofits (NYCON) as well as Nonprofit Westchester and has been selected as an Institute of International Education (IIE) Generation Study Abroad Commitment Partner.



OUR PROGRAMS

In 2020 EngageAsia quickly transitioned to a virtual format, hosting a total of 15 webinars that reached over 1,000 people. Recordings of these webinars are available on our Vimeo channel.

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RESILIENCE WEBINARS

In 2020, EngageAsia launched the Resilience Webinars, a series that showcases stories, lessons, and ideas to inspire and build resilience in the face of change and uncertainty. We hosted 8 Resilience Webinars.



Hiroshima's Lessons: A Conversation with Steven Leeper

April 21, 2020

Co-sponsored with Peace Culture Village



Zen: Leaning in to Uncertainty and Volatility

May 7, 2020

Featuring Rev. Takafumi Kawakami



Lessons from 9/11 and 3.11

May 28, 2020

Featuring Meri Lobel, Jeanette Gutierrez, Anne Van Hine, Craig Katz, Robert Yanagisawa, and Joyce Grossbard



Nurturing Happiness: Lessons on Leadership, Social Change, and Resilience for Today's World

June 15, 2020

Featuring Dr. Maya Soetoro-Ng

Co-sponsored with Ceeds of Peace



How to Find Joy: Lessons from Buddhism

June 25, 2020

Featuring Rev. Dr. T. K. Nakagaki

Co-sponsored with the Heiwa Peace and Reconciliation Foundation of New York



A Discussion on Grief and Resilience

July 30, 2020

Featuring Ms. Allison Gilbert



The Gift of Resilience

October 20, 2020

Featuring Ms. Amya Miller



Finding Resilience in the Forest: Team Benefits of a Walk in the Woods

December 15, 2020

Featuring Mr. David Motzenbecker

ELGIN HEINZ OUTSTANDING TEACHING AWARD

EngageAsia administers the Elgin Heinz Outstanding Teacher Award with support from private donors. The Award recognizes exceptional teachers who further mutual understanding between Americans and Japanese. The award is named in honor of Elgin Heinz for his commitment to educating students about Asia as well as for the inspiration he has provided to the field of pre-college education.

In 2020 the selection committee decided to present the honor to two educators: Mr. Daniel Carolin and Ms. Junko Tanaka.



Mr. Daniel Carolin
Kennedy High School
(Cedar Rapids, Iowa)



Ms. Junko Tanaka
Clarendon Elementary School
(San Francisco, California)

Profiles of the recipients can be found at the Elgin Heinz Outstanding Teaching Award website: www.elginheinzaward.org.

FILM+MAKERS WEBINARS

In 2019, EngageAsia began the Film+Makers Series in partnership with The Aligned Center in Irvington, NY, to engage audiences in discussions about Asia with filmmakers and creatives. In 2020, we hosted 4 Film+Makers webinars.



Filmmaker Reggie Life and the Cast of Cocktail Party

July 17, 2020



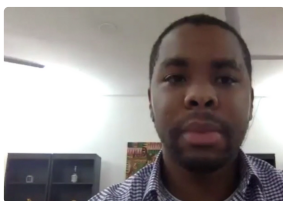
Pictures from a Hiroshima Schoolyard: A Discussion with the Film's Producer, Director, and Colleagues on the 75th Anniversary of the Atomic Bombings of Japan

August 5, 2020



An Apprentice Boatbuilder in Japan: A Discussion with Douglas Brooks

September 22, 2020



Beyond the Wall: Expanding International Education for Underserved Youth

November 19, 2020