



World Inclusion Congress



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# World Inclusion Congress

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### Location

Kazakh National Pedagogical University Abay

### Address

Almaty, Dostyk Avenue, 13

### Date

16.10.2025 – 17.10.2025

# Day 1

09:00 – 09:25

16.10.2025

## KazNPU 1

**Individual Talk:**

In Celebration of Neurodiversity: Creating Emotionally Supportive Ecosystems in the School Environment

**Speaker:**

**Louise de Matos** is an international psychological and inclusive educational specialist, a board member of Fundação Ana Carolina and the Founder of PsicoMed a mental health clinic in Angola

## KazNPU 2

**Individual Talk:**

Insights from India – Reflections of IFIP Educational Partners in India on Inclusion Practices in the Subcontinent

**Speaker:**

**Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar** – Principal Director, Symbiosis; Pro Chancellor, Symbiosis International University

## KazNPU 3

**Individual Talk:**

Unlock Every Voice: Why Communication Is Your Unstoppable Superpower in the Age of AI

**Speaker:**

**Frederick Afrifa** – Global Speaker, TV Host, and Co-Founder of BIG Public Speaking, Helping People Master the Art of Public Speaking Under Pressure.

## KazNPU 4

**Individual Talk:**

Developing a national initiative to support higher education access for students with intellectual disability: Lessons learned from a decade of progress

**Speaker:**

**Meg Grigal – Meg Grigal** – Director, Think College at the Institute for Community Inclusion, University of Massachusetts Boston

**Clare Papay** – Senior Associate, Inclusive Postsecondary Education, at Think College at the Institute for Community Inclusion, UMass Boston.

**09:30 – 09:55****16.10.2025****KazNPU 1****KazNPU 2****Individual Talk:**

Neurodiversity and the Future of Autism

**Speaker:****Karen Goldberg** – Head of the School of Education and Professor of Autism at the University of Birmingham; Developer of the Autism Education Trust Program; Chair of the DfE Neurodiversity Working Group.**Individual Talk:**

Building Sustainable Inclusive Practice in Schools

**Speaker:****Shinelly James** – Leader at BATCE, Trinidad and Tobago – a transformative leader advancing inclusive education and regional development.**KazNPU 3****KazNPU 4****Individual Talk:**

Every Voice Matters: Workshop on Emotional Inclusion Using AI and Empathy

**Speaker:****Laura Tristram** – Co-founder and Mental Health Expert at Lumii.me – an AI platform redefining student support in schools across the UK, UAE, and beyond.**Individual Talk:**

Health and Education in a Digital Age

**Speaker:****Damian McBeath** – Principal of The John Wallis Church of England Academy; winner of IFIP Global Inclusion Award and Educational Author

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### KazNPU 1

**Individual Talk:**

The future is personalisation

**Speaker:**

**Mac MacLachlan** – Professor of Psychology and Co-Director of the Institute for Supported Living and Learning (ALL) at Maynooth University, Ireland, and a clinical advisor to the Health Service.

### KazNPU 2

**Individual Talk:**

From Policy to Practice: Building Inclusive School Ecosystems that Leave No Learner Behind and Global Goals, Local Classrooms: Advancing SDG 4 through Community-Driven Inclusion Models

**Speaker:**

**Abhilasha Singh** – Director of Shining Star International School in Abu Dhabi, Specialist in Sustainable Development, SDG Promotion, and Model UN Preparation, with 28 Years of Experience in Education.

### KazNPU 3

**Individual Talk:**

From Margins to Movement: Reimagining Inclusion Through Neurodiverse Innovation

**Speaker:**

**Joy Elizabeth Buckner** – Speaker, Consultant, and Neurodiversity Advocate – Founder of Buckner Education and Host of The Joy of Neurodiversity podcast.

### KazNPU 4

**Individual Talk:**

Our Digitally Saturated World

**Speaker:**

**Calvin Odera** – Advocate for digital well-being, community organizer, and founder of the Digital Health and Education Network of Kenya (DHEN-K).

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### Individual Talk:

Creating a trauma informed and zero exclusion school

### Speaker:

**Nicola Lace** – Headteacher of a top-graded alternative education school in Bristol for 14-16 year old pupils who have been excluded or are at risk of exclusion from school.

## KazNPU 2

### Individual Talk:

Unsystematic ABC Model Learning: Exploring the Neglect of Antecedents and the Mislabeled of Special Educational Needs in the UK, India, and Myanmar

### Speaker:

**Shripriya Bhowmick** – Head of Special Educational Needs at an international school in Yangon, a specialist with over 20 years of experience in India, the UK, and Myanmar.

## KazNPU 3

### Individual Talk:

### Speaker:

**Emiljohn Columna Sentillas** – Experienced Leader in Educational Policy and Research, Former Deputy Head of the Department of Education of the Philippines.

## KazNPU 4

### Panel Session:

Screens and the Developing Brain

### Speaker:

**Chair: Dr Rebecca Foljambe** – An NHS GP and Founder of Health Professionals for Safer Screens.

**Sandy Chappell** – Speech and language therapist with 30+ years' experience, author, and Elklan tutor dedicated to early intervention and empowering children through communication.

**Sharon Lewis** – Specialist in inclusion and leadership, a facilitator of national leadership programmes (NPQ), with 27 years' experience in education, family support, and executive coaching.

**Arabella Skinner** – Director of Policy at Health Professionals for Safer Screens, former business strategist turned child advocate.

**Jan Forshaw** – Head of Education at Coram Life Education, with over 30 years dedicated to children's health and well-being, and developer of the SCARF curriculum.

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**Individual Talk:**

Promoting Self-advocacy Through Assistive Techn

**Speaker:**

**Judith Veronica Ramos Guerrero** – Head of Early Intervention and Senior Occupational Therapist at Melbourne Specialist International School and The Guild International College.

### KazNPU 2

**Individual Talk:**

Case Study – Adani Vidya Mandir: An Inclusive School with Limitless Opportunities and Proven Impact

**Speaker:**

**Shilpa Indoria** – Educational consultant and career coach with over 25 years experience; certified career counsellor and Google Master Trainer.

### KazNPU 3

**Individual Talk:**

Journey to Inclusivity of the University of Makati: A Blueprint for an Inclusive Society

**Speaker:**

**Tessie Tapiador Sagadraca** – Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Makati; inclusive curriculum consultant for government and private universities.

### KazNPU 4

**Individual Talk:**

AI and the Intentional Use of Technology

**Speaker:**

**Emily Cherkin M.Ed**, The Screentime Consultant, leading the fight for a Tech-intentional childhood. Author, public speaker an associate professor of public policy at University of Washington

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**Individual Talk:**

Development Through Relationships: A Holistic Approach to Supporting Children

**Speaker:**

**Katie Parks** – Child Counsellor, Mental Health Lead, Thrive Lead and member of the Senior Leadership Team at Rose Lane Primary School in East London. Katie is also a co-lead of the Thrive Hub which supports schools across her local authority to implement the Thrive Approach. She will be joined by:

**Nicola Allen** – Thrive's Licensed Trainer and Family Programme Practitioner works across the region supporting children, families and staff in their development.

**Viv Trask-Hall** – Helping children develop resilient social and emotional skills to overcome life's challenges, and inspiring professionals to create an environment where every child can truly thrive.

**Panel Session:**

Myths and Screens

**Speaker:**

**Dr Rebecca Foljambe** – An NHS GP and Founder of Health Professionals for Safer Screens.

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**Individual Talk:**

Connecting Policy and Practice: Co-Designing Inclusive Schools in the UK and Nigeria

**Speaker:**

**Angelina Ikeako** – International education consultant and leader in inclusion, promoting school transformation and cross-cultural learning in the UK and Africa.

**Panel Session:**

Smartphone-Free Schools

**Speaker:**

**Lizzie Hacking** – Director of External Affairs at Yondr, advocating globally for phone-free education to ensure equality and well-being for all children.

**Panel:**

**Thomas Harding** – Deputy Head and Head of Senior School at one of the UK's leading institutions, specialising in teaching, mentoring, and advancing inclusive practices to promote educational equity.

**Kirsty Rogers** – Headteacher of Aureus School since 2023 – a smartphone-free school.

**Sharon Lewis** – Specialist in inclusion and leadership, a facilitator of national leadership programmes (NPQ), with 27 years' experience in education, family support, and executive coaching.

**Amit Kalley** – Founder of For Working Parents, a company that helps organisations become more inclusive for their working parents and employees.

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## KazNPU 1

## KazNPU 2

**Individual Talk:**

When School Boundaries Expand: Virtual Learning as a Tool to Combat Absenteeism

**Speaker:**

**Dhruv Patel** - Chief Executive and Founder of The Nisai Group, a global leader in inclusive and accessible education.

**Master Class:**

Education of the Future: Personalized Learning Pathways for Children

**Speaker:**

**Jayne Nadarajoo** - A distinguished educator and founder of The GUILD International College and Melbourne Specialist International School in Singapore.

## KazNPU 3

## KazNPU 4

**Individual Talk:**

Using Technology for Inclusion

**Speaker:**

**Elizabeth Jones** - Digital Learning Consultant, Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert, Apple Educator and Fellow of the UK Royal College of Teaching with over 30 years experience in international education.

**Individual Talk:**

Teens and Screens

**Speaker:**

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**Speaker:**

**Frederick Afrifa** – World Speaker, broadcaster and co-founder of BIG Public Speaking, helps you master the art of speaking under stress.

### KazNPU 2

**Individual Talk:**

Parent as a partner in Inclusive education

**Speaker:**

**Ayyapparaj Mani** – Educational innovator, psychologist, inclusion practitioner, British Council ambassador, curriculum and learning development expert, inclusive school leader, Sri Sessaas International Public School

### KazNPU 3

**Individual Talk:**

Helping Young Minds Build Resilience, Develop Emotional Self-Regulation, and Create Their Own First Aid for Mental Health

**Speaker:**

**Surabhi Shastri** – Consultant Psychologist at Choithram School in Indore, India; passionate advocate for mental health and inclusive education.

### KazNPU 4

**Individual Talk:**

Teens and Screens

**Speaker:**

**Thomas Harding** – Deputy Head and Head of Senior School at one of the UK's leading institutions, specialising in teaching, mentoring, and advancing inclusive practices to promote educational equity.

**Arabella Skinner** – Director of Policy at Health Professionals for Safer Screens, former business strategist turned child advocate.

**Jess Hills** – Senior Mental Health Lead and Director of Learning at Highworth Grammar School, with over 25 years in education.

**Luke Taylor** – Researcher at the Centre for Social Justice and author of the Lost Boys report, focusing on the challenges facing young men and boys.

**Amit Kalley** – Coach, speaker, and founder of For Working Parents, a company helping families navigate children's wellbeing in a tech-driven world.

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**Break**

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**Individual Talk:**

Education, Inclusion and Matterng: Preparing the next generation to co-create matterng, belonging, and contribution

**Speaker:**

**Amri B. Johnson** – Founder of Inclusion Wins and author of Reconstructing Inclusion, helping organizations align inclusion with business strategy and people thriving.

**Individual Talk:**

Inclusive Education in the African Context

**Speaker:**

**Unity Sabina Arthur** – Principal of Bright Kids International School (Ghana), Inclusive Education Specialist and winner of the UNESCO 2024 Prize for Inclusive Education.

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**Individual Talk:**

Bridging the Gap: Innovations and Challenges in Inclusive Education

**Speaker:**

**Manobina Chakraborty** – Multiple award winning and recognised leader in inclusive education and founder of i for inclusion and head of the Saaransh Foundation.

**Individual Talk:**

Student Voice on the Digital Age

**Speaker:**

**Duncan Beer**, Headteacher of Highworth Grammar School, one of the top Girls Grammar Schools in the UK.  
**Jess Hills**, Director of Learning and Senior Mental Health lead at Highworth Grammar School

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**Individual Talk:**

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From Optics to Ownership – A Radical Reset for Real Neuro-Inclusion.

**Speaker:**

**James Cavanagh** – An applied neuroaffirming education and wellbeing consultant, founder of Real And Wonderful Life™ (RAWlife). With a career spanning 25 years in education, wellbeing leadership and psychology, James brings both lived and professional experience of ADHD, Autism, and dyslexia into transformative frameworks that challenge performative inclusion. [www.JCavanagh.com](http://www.JCavanagh.com)

**Individual Talk:**

Meeting Diverse Educational Needs through Alternative Pathways and Non-Traditional Models

**Speaker:**

**Shaheen Imrana Ahmed** – Inclusion specialist, IA coordinator, founder of the Beyond Boards initiative and the website [Brilliantbrats.org](http://Brilliantbrats.org).

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**Individual Talk:**

Student Voices: Experiences, Challenges, and Opportunities in Inclusion

**Speaker:**

**Manasvi Patangia** – Year 9 pupil at Choithram School, participant in Model UN, debating and student council; badminton player; Finite Earth Movement ambassador.

**Individual Talk:**

The Lost Boys

**Speaker:**

**Luke Taylor** – Senior Researcher at the UK's Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) worked on a report titled, 'The Lost Boys; Restoring Hope for Britains Boys and Young Men.'

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**Individual Talk:**

Leadership in Support of an Inclusive Environment

**Speaker:**

**Maey Elnimer** – International award-winning inclusive education specialist, academic director of the Continental School of Cairo; author of the transformative C.A.R.S. programme.

**Individual Talk:**

Adaptive Teaching in Action – Meeting the Needs of All Learners

**Speaker:**

**Olivia Mottram** – School Development and Training Manager at Aldar Training Academy, an education leader with over 17 years' experience in UK, US and IB International schools.

**KazNPU 3**

**KazNPU 4**

**Individual Talk:**

AI and the Intentional Use of Technology

**Speaker:**

**Emily Cherkin M.Ed**, The Screentime Consultant, leading the fight for a Tech-intentional childhood. Author, public speaker and associate professor of public policy at University of Washington

**Panel Session:**

Impact of Social media

**Speaker:**

**Chair Duncan Beer** – Headteacher, Highworth Grammar  
**Lizzie Hacking** – Yondr Senior Advisor  
**Jan Forshaw** – Head of Education, Corum Life  
**Sharon Lewis** – Snr SENDCo at The John Wallis CoE Academy  
**Calvin Odera** – Founder Digital Health and Education Network  
**Jessica Hills** – Snr Mental Health Lead, Highworth Girls School

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# Day 2

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**Registration of participants**

**09:30 – 09:55****17.10.2025****KazNPU 1****KazNPU 2****Individual Talk:**

A Blended, Inclusive and Equitable Approach to Education

**Speaker:**

**Dhruv Patel** - CEO and Founder of Nisai Group, a global leader in inclusive and accessible education.

**Individual Talk:****Speaker:**

**Dauleshyar Bakytali Dauletaryuly** - physics teacher, Aset Beiseuov secondary school in Kargaly village, Zhambyl region.

**KazNPU 3****KazNPU 4****Individual Talk:**

Rediscovering the 'A' in ABC - Need For Strengthening teacher training in Antecedent Analysis to Reduce SEN Mislabelling

**Speaker:**

**Sreepriya Bhowmik** - Head of Special Educational Needs Department at Myanmar International School Yangon (MISY), specialist with Over 20 Years of Experience in India, the UK, and Myanmar.

**10:00 – 10:25****17.10.2025****KazNPU 1****KazNPU 2****Individual Talk:**

From Punishment to Connection: Shaping Inclusive Schools through Relational Practice

**Speaker:**

**Paul Bray** – Founder and Director of INSIGHT Training & Consultancy, Advocate for the Rights of People with Disabilities, Educator, and Author.

**Individual Talk:**

Parenting in the digital age

**Speaker:**

**Duncan Beer** – Headteacher of Highworth Grammar, a large selective school for girls aged 11 to 18 with a co-educational sixth form.

**KazNPU 3****KazNPU 4****Individual Talk:**

Mental Health: A Global Challenge

**Speaker:**

**Sarah Johnson** – Renowned Author of "All About SEMH" and "Behaving Together," International Expert in Inclusive Education.

**Individual Talk:**

Leaders of Inclusive Education

**Speaker:**

**Aida Hrnjic** – Director of the Centre for Supporting Families and People with Developmental Disabilities; leading expert in the field of inclusive education in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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**Individual Talk:**

Early intervention in pre-school education

**Speaker:**

**Sameera Al Obeidli** – Healthcare strategist with experience in leading inclusive healthcare services in the UAE; Deputy Vice President, NMC Healthcare.

**Individual Talk:**

Rapid-Skill Upskilling for Inclusive University Teaching

**Speaker:**

**Sujit Sukumaran** – Interdisciplinary educator and learning consultant in UAE, UK, and India; Lecturer at University of West London; International Director at Toastmasters; leader of PRERANA.

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**Individual Talk:**

Not Bad or Broken: a new understanding of neuro-affective behaviour through the lens of brain development

**Speaker:**

**Brenna Weston Bell** – Head of EAL with 25 years' experience, specialising in ADHD, dyslexia and multilingual learning, committed to creating inclusive, neuroaffirmative schools.

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**Closing**