August 3-7, 2020

Owing to the ongoing Covid-19 health crisis, we will not be holding a face-to-face WISSIT this summer. Instead, please join us for Virtual WISSIT. Same dates! Same outstanding presenters! A few new special touches!

The seventh annual Washington International School Summer Institute for Teachers (WISSIT): Connecting DC Educators with Project Zero Ideas will take place from Monday, August 3 - Friday, August 7. Note that Virtual WISSIT 2020 will be completely online.

Over the course of this intense week of professional learning, Virtual WISSIT participants will engage with research coming out of Harvard Project Zero (PZ) and learn with and from PZ researchers and a diverse group of outstanding local educators. The institute explores three key themes: Building a Culture of Thinking; Encouraging Creativity & "Maker Thinking" in Children; and Learning Deeply with Museum Resources.

While the focus of Virtual WISSIT is to engage with PZ ideas and pedagogical tools and strategies and to examine ways to adapt them to participants’ own context, this year there will be an extra emphasis on using PZ tools in a distance learning setting.

Featured speakers will be Project Zero researchers Ron Ritchhart, Edward Clapp and Sarah Sheya.

This high-quality, intensive professional development opportunity brings together DC-area educators from a variety of schools—traditional public, public charter, independent, parochial—as well as other educational organizations, such as community-based early learning centers and museums.

Project Zero (PZ), a research group at Harvard University’s Graduate School of Education, has been an innovative leader in the domains of teaching and learning for over 50 years. Washington International School has enjoyed a decades-long relationship with Project Zero and spearheads the effort in the DC area to infuse classrooms, from preschool through high school and beyond, with PZ ideas.

Schools or organizations that send three or more participants will receive a discount off the registration fee. A limited number of scholarships are on offer to educators in Title I schools and to those pursuing teacher licensure. As WISSIT has sold out the last three years, we highly recommend registering as soon as possible.

To find out more, visit pdcollaborative.org/initiatives/wissit or contact Jim Reese, WISSIT Director, at jim.reese@wis.edu. Registration closes on June 30, 2020.