



Jean Edwards trained in teaching gifted students in Toronto, Canada (she also has a Special Education Certificate from University of Toronto for students at the other end of the spectrum). She has a B.A. in Modern Languages (French, English, Spanish) from

University of Toronto. She's worked with gifted students over the past 20 years and has held many workshops and seminars on giftedness and teaching thinking skills, creativity, philosophy etc. Recently, Jean has held workshops on creative thinking with groups of teachers visiting from the U.K. Jean still enjoys the interaction of the classroom and continues to teach a class of gifted students, as well as working with teachers. Being a parent of three herself, Jean freely volunteers advice to parents of other gifted children. She also finds the time to write teacher resources for the gifted and talented, and thinking skills.

PS. Jean is also passionate about computers (especially Macs!) and IT.

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Teaching thinking skills to all students

Practical, valuable workshops, for all teachers.

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This brochure can only introduce you to the range of workshops available. For more information, and to discuss your needs directly, including costs and booking, contact Jean at:


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Prepare to be energised and motivated after attending a Jean Edwards Thinking Skills workshop. Background theory is mixed with practical exercises for complete understanding of approaches and methods - and it's all delivered with Jean's infectious enthusiasm for teaching.

 Phone us (03 546 6855) or email us (shop@thinks.co.nz) now to make an appointment for a free phone call with Jean to discuss your school's needs.

Thinking and the Key Competencies

Whole staff workshop, tailored to your needs:

Techniques for extending students' thinking as per the Key Competencies. Choose your staff focus:

- **Habits Of Mind:** integrating them across your whole school
 - **Understanding By Design:** planning beginning with "What are the big ideas here?"
 - **Thinking skills techniques and strategies:**
 - Creative thinking activities
 - Thinking tools (e.g. Six Thinking Hats, CoRT Thinking)
 - Using Higher-Level Thinking; a cross-curricular model. Gives your students the opportunity to individualise your programme themselves.
- Also valuable for topics, Interest Centres, individual assignments, enrichment programmes...

If your school is interested in inquiry learning and a student-centred approach, then this is the workshop for you.

Allow a morning, preferably a full day. Jean will discuss with you how to tailor this programme to meet your school's specific needs.

Recent participants said:

"The feedback from staff clearly indicated that the workshop was excellent - one of the best forms of professional development this year."

"The teachers were enthusiastic about the ideas you shared with us and rated your presentation style very highly."

"Impressed with the amount of information given in a small time." "This was more interesting than many staff meetings based on the new syllabus."

"Impressed and exhausted."

"Very positive - good to know that valuable resource people and material are available for gifted children and whole class use"

Two-day intensive workshop

To train teachers to work with gifted or more able learners. The workshop can be paced to allow for a month's interval between each of the two days so that teachers can fully absorb and apply the content.

Recommended for the teacher who wants to:

- set up a withdrawal class for more able learners
- offer thinking Skills (critical, creative, problem solving) as an Enrichment option
- offer Thinking Skills as part of a regular classroom programme.

An in-depth approach, from identification methods, to techniques and strategies through to evaluation.

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"Good info - WOW!"

"Cracking pace - and we managed to cover so much"

"Bombarded with great ideas... a great course"

"A very full and interesting course with practical application for both CWSA and the classroom"

"The best course I've ever been on."

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In-class modelling

Relax and observe while Jean comes and works with your students. Techniques for extending students' thinking as per the Key Competencies.

Choose your focus:

- creative thinking activities
- Thinking Strategies (e.g. Six Thinking Hats, CoRT Thinking)
- Creative Problem-Solving

Recommended starters: Creative Thinking, Six Thinking Hats. Plan on a minimum of two one-hour sessions to get you off to a great start! Materials provided for you to continue.

Working with gifted or more able learners

Full-day intensive workshop, hands-on. Course cost includes comprehensive handouts.

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"Very well organised and planned- good use of time and good mix of practical and listening."

"An incredible amount covered in a short time"

"Strategies you used are very practical in classes."

"I'm stimulated by the range of things we can get going with now"

"Boggled with the amount of info given...Excellent course."

"(I'm) stimulated. Brain is full of good ideas. What a shame we weren't taught like this as kids!"

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Shorter sessions - choose your components for a tailor-made session

Habits of Mind

Suitable for: Junior/Intermediate/Senior. 1 - 2 hrs.

The Habits of Mind underpin all teaching and learning. They have many really practical applications, and fully support the Key Competencies. This is a hands-on workshop to learn how to teach the use of thinking behaviours or dispositions to students. Can be used with success as a whole-school approach.

Questioning and thinking

Suitable for: Y5 - 13 2 hrs.

An inspiring way of developing questioning techniques, analysing and expanding ideas, higher-level thinking, and interpersonal skills - students absolutely LOVE philosophical discussions! One 10-year old girl said "I didn't kids our age could actually think like this!" You'll come away from this session with lots of ideas to get your class thinking. A fast-paced, practical session that will get your whole staff thinking!

Differentiation and planning

Suitable for: Primary/Junior Intermediate. 1.5 to 3 hours.

A brief overview of models for higher-level thinking (e.g. Bloom's, Sternberg) leading on to a practical planning session. Can be used with and for differentiation of your programme. Includes a practical approach to Understanding by Design beginning with "What are the big ideas here?" and "Where are we going with this unit?"

Thinking Skills in the regular classroom: a combination of Six Thinking Hats, CoRT, and Creative Problem-solving workshops

Suitable for: Primary/Junior/Intermediate. 2 hrs.

Fast-paced to cover the necessary content, but lively and stimulating. Recommended as a whole-staff workshop - a good opportunity for whole-staff interaction.

Edward de Bono's CoRT Thinking Strategies

Suitable for: Junior/Intermediate. 1 hr.

Need some specific thinking tools which you can use across the whole school? Learn fundamental tools which underpin all learning. Use these strategies in your regular classrooms to enhance and clarify children's thinking skills; learn specific tools for thinking, for problem-solving and lateral thinking. Edward de Bono's books are also available for purchase by schools, with detailed instructions and exercises.

Adapting your programme to extend your more able students.

All of Jean's workshops are built around the core ideas of differentiation and of experiential learning. Jean will happily tailor workshops to meet your needs!