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*BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN CULTURES IN CONFLICT
THROUGH INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION
TECHNOLOGY*

A SECULAR JEW, AN ORTHODOX JEW AND AN ARAB ARE WORKING TOGETHER ON A JOINT MISSION...

IT MAY SOUND LIKE A BEGINNING OF A FUNNY JOKE, BUT IN FACT THIS IS REALLY HAPPENING ☺ IN THIS SESSION, I WILL PRESENT AN ONLINE INTER-GROUP CONTACT MODEL, DEVELOPED WITHIN THE ISRAEL EDUCATION SYSTEM, WHEREBY ONLINE AND DISTANCE LEARNING (ODL) IS USED IN THE SERVICE OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY.

THE GOAL IS TO BUILD BRIDGES AMONG SECULAR AND RELIGIOUS ARABS AND JEWS IN ISRAEL BASED ON SMALL MULTICULTURAL GROUPS AND COLLABORATIVE LEARNING THROUGH EFFECTIVE USE OF THE INTERNET AND OTHER CUTTING-EDGE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES. THE MODEL IS APPLICABLE FOR ANY INTERGROUP ONLINE LEARNING.

Bio:

DR. ELAINE HOTER IS AN EARLIER PIONEER IN ONLINE LEARNING. SINCE 1995 SHE HAS JOINED CLASSES AND CULTURES THROUGH THE INTERNET INCLUDING DEAF AND HEARING, STUDENT TEACHERS WITH PUPILS, STUDENTS WITH STUDENTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AND ARABS AND JEWS. SHE WAS CO-CONVENER OF THE FIRST ONLINE CONFERENCE FOR TEACHER EDUCATORS IN ISRAEL IN 2001 AND HEAD OF ICT AT TALPIOT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION. TODAY SHE IS ONE OF A TEAM OF 3 WOMEN WHO HEAD THE TEC CENTER (THE CENTER FOR TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY) IN ISRAEL USING THE INTERNET TO BRING TOGETHER ARABS AND JEWISH PUPILS, STUDENTS AND COLLEGE LECTURERS. SHE IS HEAD OF THE SCHOOL PROJECTS TRYING TO REDUCE PREJUDICE AND STEREO TYPING. SHE HAS CARRIED OUT EXTENSIVE RESEARCH IN THIS AREA AND TOGETHER WITH THE TEAM HAS PRESENTED THEIR RESEARCH AROUND THE WORLD. IN ADDITION SHE LECTURES AT DIFFERENT TEACHING COLLEGES AND HEADS THE ENGLISH TEACHING SECTION AT MOFET INTERNATIONAL.