

## **Why it is important to support talented children -- an exploration with the Vice-President of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Talented children have the right to an education that acknowledges, develops and celebrates their abilities. It is the mission of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children to focus global attention on gifted children to ensure the realisation of their potential to the benefit of humankind. It is important we discuss the needs of gifted children and share best practices in how to identify their unique abilities and qualities, through a range of methods, and then actualize their potential with a continuum of differentiated, accelerated and enriched learning opportunities. The WCGTC aims to support teachers, researchers, and other professionals in growing our knowledge, skills and advocacy through publications, conferences, position statements, advocacy, networking and support. In this sessions, we will explore the WCGTC's recently released global principles as part of our discussion on not only why, but how, we can support talented children worldwide.

### **KEYWORDS:**

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