



EMPOWERING TOMORROW

THE IMPORTANCE OF FUTURE LIFE SKILLS



7 February 2026

Marriott Resort Palm Jumeirah - Dubai

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

09:00

09:30



Registration & Arrival Coffee

09:30

09:45



Opening & Welcome Remarks

09:45

10:30

Session 1:

Tomorrow's Leaders Start with Today's Skills



Patrick Prendergast

Educational Consultant, York Press

10:30

11:15

Session 2:

Entrepreneurial Mindsets for a Rapidly Changing World



Sean O'Brien

Educational Consultant, York Press

11:15

11:30



Coffee Break

11:30

12:15

Session 3:

Future-Ready: Building Life Skills for a Changing World



Natalia Arroyave

Manager of International and New Markets at Vista Higher Learning

12:15

13:00

Session 4:

Redefining Classroom to Careers



Patrick Prendergast

Educational Consultant, York Press

13:00



Closing and Lunch

Patrick Prendergast

Educational Consultant, York press

Patrick Prendergast is an educational consultant with expertise in teacher training, curriculum reform and Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET). He brings a unique blend of experience from the education sector and engineering industries, having collaborated with Ministries of Education and organisations in Engineering, Manufacturing, Defence, and Oil and Gas. Patrick has led major projects in STEM education, digital learning and Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), driving innovation in teaching and training across diverse sectors.



NATALIA ARROYAVE

Manager of International and New Markets at Vista Higher Learning

Natalia Arroyave, Manager of International and New Markets at Vista Higher Learning, boasts 16+ years of experience in bilingual education in K12 and Higher Education.

Her academic background includes a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a focus on international business and a Master's degree in Linguistics applied to the teaching of a foreign language.

Natalia's experience in the classroom and corporate environment have led her to the following endeavors at VHL: the implementation of hybrid roles in inside sales and account management, customer success, Vista Academy, and most recently she has expanded VHL's brand visibility in Latin America through a growth of 155%.



Sean O'Brien

Educational Consultant, York press

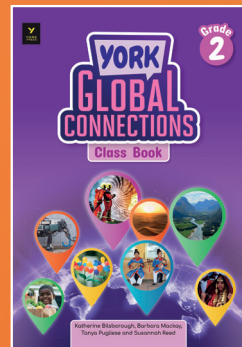
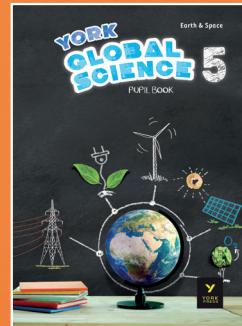
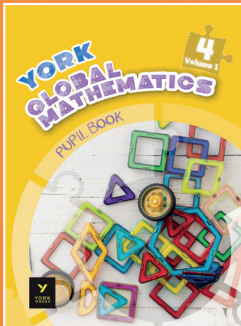
With over 10 years of experience in the education sector, Sean holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education and a Postgraduate Diploma in Special and Additional Learning Needs. Sean's diverse career has seen him undertake roles as a teacher, curriculum specialist, along with leading roles in framework development, teacher training and assessment development.

As an educational consultant, Sean has worked extensively across numerous Ministry of Education projects throughout the MENA region, particularly focusing on curriculum reform initiatives in the UAE. He has been instrumental in leading these efforts to modernise educational practices, ensuring alignment with global standards and fostering innovative learning environments.





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