



Dear SENIB community, here it goes, our last edition for this year! It is incredible how much we can achieve when we work together. December is already here and our edition is **light**. In many ways to remind ourselves to be thankful for this year and welcoming a New Year. Together we can **light up** new pathways to be, to do, to think. That's it for now. See you next year!

By Juliane Karlsson

**On Friday the 23rd of November,** 86 professionals from across Beijing came together at the SENIB Fall meeting hosted by Dulwich College, Beijing. The event saw SEN Teachers and Assistant Teachers, Parents, Counsellors, Psychologists and other experts taking full advantage of this networking event, to share good practice in Special Educational Needs. Attendees participated in a range of discussions groups including, Co-teaching, Strength Based Learning Support, Solution Based Counselling, Assessments, SEN Documentation, Coaching Reading, Supporting ASD and Play Therapy. The SENIB Board are hugely grateful to everyone that came to the meeting so ready to share their strategies and experiences. The morning highlighted the fantastic work that is being undertaking in Beijing to support students and families with SEN. We are already looking forward to the next Spring meeting.



What makes SENIB possible? You and me; us together! As you already know, a picture can tell more than words. A Big Thanks for you who made our meeting at Dulwich school a Great Event!



## Let's explain it. What is SENIA?

### Mission

The Special Education Network in Asia (SENIA) is an association of educators, professionals, and parents whose mission is to advocate for and provide resources/supports for differently abled individuals.

### Vision

To live in an inclusive world where every individual is supported, resources are accessible, potential is maximized, and action is inspired.

### Goals

The following goals and priorities are of the utmost importance to the SENIA organization:

- Create a network of relationships within the local community and educational institutions that service those with disabilities.
- Improve marketing of SENIA
- To make membership an essential experience for all members who are committed to supporting those with special needs.
- Provide resources for teachers, children, and parents in the community.
- Advocate for more inclusive communities.



 A graphic for a "Call for Nominations" campaign. It features the SENIA logo, the text "Call for Nominations", and an image of hands. Below the graphic is a text box with the following content:
 

**Do you know student or adult who advocates and creates awareness for special needs in Asia? This is your chance to recognize this person for all they do!**

**For more information, please go to: <http://senia.asia/advocacy>**

**\* Nominations to be sent to [seniainboard@senia.asia](mailto:seniainboard@senia.asia) and received by Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

## SENIA and SENIB: One dream, many builders.

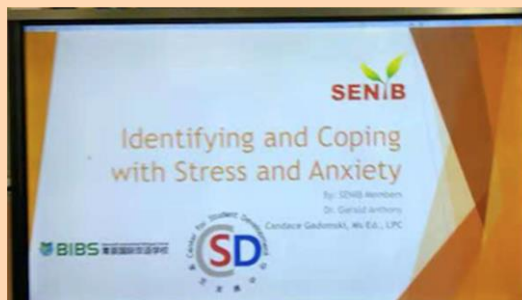
SENIB is the local chapter of SENIA. Our vision, mission and goals follow the same path as SENIA. Nowadays we are the only formal representation in China.



## INTERESTED IN HOSTING A SENIB EVENT?

Don't be afraid. The SENIB board will be with you before, during, and after the event. Let's make it happen!





The Special Education Network In Beijing (SENIB) are has launched one of its new initiatives this year to bring our local community into our network. **The Local Integration of Needs and Knowledge (LINK) Learning Series** allows the current SENIB network at the request of local learning communities to present information to the resident community at no cost on various Learning Support/SEN topics.

**The first Link Learning Series on Wednesday, October 24**, on the topic of supporting and identifying high school students with stress had a turnout of around 40 faculty participants. The presentation and question and answer session were conducted by **two SENIB Members, Candace Gadomski, Ms Ed., LPC of the Center of Student Development at Keystone Academy and Dr. Gerald Anthony of BIBS – Shunyi Campus**. A special thanks to our host and faculty at The Affiliated High School of Peking University for hosting and reaching out to SENIB.

**The next LINK Learning Series** will take place in **January of 2019**. Please look for further details in the SENIB WeChat and future newsletters and events.

If you are aware of any local schools looking for information on LS/SEN topics or you wish to serve or present as part of a panel **please contact, Dr. Gerald Anthony**, Local Liaison Coordinator at [geraldanthony@bibs.com.cn](mailto:geraldanthony@bibs.com.cn) or PM 'Gerald 安远' in the SENIB WeChat Group.



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Another way to stay in contact is through our **Facebook** page, titled SENIB - Special Education Network in Beijing. It is a closed group, but you can request to join at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1728937867318355/>

### SENIB Newsletter

Are you interested to collaborate on our next edition? Ideas, experiences, questions, practices, and much more to share... Get in touch by emailing

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