

Biography

Julie Cutelli is a French and American art therapist and special education teacher. She currently lives in France and works at the International School of Paris. She has had various roles over the past twenty years, including school counselor, art therapist, art teacher, English as a foreign language teacher, and special education teacher. She received her masters in special education from the University of Nottingham and she received her masters in art therapy from University Paris 5 - Rene Descartes. Julie is full individual member of the European Federation of Art Therapy (EFAT) and full individual member of Syndicat Français des Arts Thérapeutes (SFAT).

In her presentation, Julie Cutelli will illustrate how art therapists can work as art teachers in schools. She will show how to boost student engagement, student voice, student agency, and classroom unity through examples of her own work. Julie will show examples of art projects that helped students clarify who they are, and projects that helped connect to the wider community and helped students to reflect on current issues. She will share how she has connected students to artists to expose them to different viewpoints and messages to help students think about what message they want to put forth in their work. Additionally, Julie will demonstrate how she has students reflect on the process after each lesson as well as their final product.