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## 5th INTERCULTURAL WORKSHOP 2012

Anderson House together with CRTDrills Bergamo is happy to invite you to the SIETAR Italia workshop on Edward Hall's cultural dimensions.

Thursday 24 May 2012 – 16.30-18.30 – Istituto Quarenghi Viale Europa 27 Bergamo

# *Edward Hall's Cultural Dimensions: Practical Applications to the Classroom*

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**Abstract:** Taking inspiration from a successful intercultural communication programme for language students at the Universities of Pennsylvania and Padua ('Confronti'), this workshop will illustrate a methodology, ideal for secondary schools, called 'Joint Construction'. Students learn to "think" and then speak in English, producing an authentic-sounding narration which the teacher writes, sentence by sentence, on the board. This activity can be used successfully in many different fields. In this workshop we will analyse Hall's cultural dimensions of Time and Context and apply these to the production of texts. By applying the theory of 'learning by doing', learning will shift from the cognitive to a real change in the students' approaches and attitudes in intercultural awareness. This will be followed by two 'critical incidents' to highlight differences in the monochronic and polychronic dimensions and the 'Red Card Game' to raise awareness of the differences in the dimensions of Space and proxemics in different cultures.



**Biodata:** Peter Anderson was born and brought up in Britain by a French mother and an Irish father. He moved to Italy with his family as a teenager. He grew up trilingual and was faced with intercultural issues from a young age. He also speaks fluent German. He has been teaching English in Bergamo since 1978 and owns Anderson House which he founded in 1996. He became interested in intercultural communication in 2005 and took the DITS course (Developing Intercultural Training Skills) at LTS Bath. In 2008 he was accredited for the DPI (Developing People Internationally) by York Associates in Konstanz (Germany) and the TIP (The International Profiler) by Worldwork, London. He is currently running various intercultural courses for local companies in their effort to confront the global challenge.

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**This workshop is free and open to non-members. If you wish to book a place, please contact Noemi Ciceroni at [iscrizioni@crtlinguebergamo.it](mailto:iscrizioni@crtlinguebergamo.it) who will send you the form to sign up.**