



**Branching Out presents ...  
Character Education in the School System  
based on the Virtues Project™ Educator's Guide**

The Virtues Project™ Educator's Guide is titled *Simple Ways to Create a Culture of Character*. Sue Suttie is a Child & Youth Worker, a previous college professor and a certified Virtues Project Facilitator. Sue is now providing workshops for children and adults. Built on a positive belief that language shapes character and that adults are educators and mentors, the Virtues Project can profoundly change the culture of a school or organizations.

**The 5 Strategies of the Virtues Project™**

are:

1. Speak the language of the virtues
2. Recognize teachable moments
3. Set clear boundaries
4. Honour the spirit

**Branching Out would be pleased to provide any of the following:**

**Staff Training:** Workshops could be provided to teachers, assistants and school staff. Minimally, at least half a day is required; two full days would certify your staff and school. At the end of this time period, staff would be proficient in the 5 Strategies of the Virtues Project™. You would see them modeling and introducing the language and strategies into the classroom. Follow up sessions could also be provided. Activities and handouts for the classroom would be provided.

**Parent Workshops:** The Virtues Project™ is ideally suited for use within the family. Presentations could be tailored to an evening workshop, or could be provided as a series over several evenings or afternoons. Topics such as setting Family Rules and Boundaries, positive discipline, and creating a culture of character could be addressed. Activities and handouts for the home would be provided.

**Classroom Presentations:** Children respond to the Virtues Project™ Strategies. Grade appropriate Presentations could be prepared either based on the current culture of a given class, or a general overview. Children can be easily taught the language of the Virtues, and love the activities and exercises.

**School Groups:** Some children learn best in small groups. Groups could either be provided by a certified Facilitator, or staff could be mentored to run groups of their own Virtues Groups enhance social skills, communication, self-esteem and help deal with angry feelings and attitudes. Virtues activities bring out the best in children of all ages.

*The Virtues Project™: Bring out the best in your school and your students!*