

## **SIMI Mediation Competition in Singapore 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

### 'Mediation Works' Biographies and Photographs



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### Mediation Works Biography

Mediation Works is an eclectic mix of students with a passion for alternative dispute resolution (ADR). We are Ariunsanaa (Mongolian), Cécile (French) and Xiaolu (Chinese), our desire for challenge and discovery has brought us together. We believe in mediation as an effective means of minimising the emotional and financial costs of disputes, and of resolving conflict.

ADR professionals who are business oriented, with good communications skills and negotiation skills can help to make International trade more efficient. Whereas cross border trade brings people closer together, cultural differences affect the ways that disputes are formed and resolved. Mediation Works blends a unique mix of mentality and skill sets from Asia and Europe. Each team member can communicate fluently in at least three languages including Danish, English, French, Mandarin, Mongolian and Spanish.

The Mediation Works team members will meet each other for the first time in Singapore, we have come together through networking, and we have prepared exclusively on-line. We are competitive, and hope that we have developed the people and process skills to demonstrate how powerful mediation can be. We want to be a force for good, and to have a positive impact on the world.

We look forward to competing at the first SIMI Mediation Competition in Singapore, and learning from the other students and the professionals.



### Biography for Niall Lawless - Coach

Niall is a Chartered Arbitrator & Engineer, Adjudicator, Mediator. Niall is a Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) and a Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) accredited mediator. Niall has been appointed mediator directly by the parties, the ICC, and also acted as mediator in disputes directed from the Birmingham Civil Justice Centre and the Central London Civil Justice Centre.

Niall has experience of acting as mediator in multi-million US\$ construction and engineering disputes. He is on the dedicated mediation panel for one of the largest construction and engineering projects in Europe. As Chair of the Construction Industry Council (CIC) Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Management Board, Niall led the development of the CIC model mediation agreement and procedure, which was published in June 2019.

Niall is a Course Director, Tutor and Assessor on the CIArb Mediation Pathway to Fellowship. He has been a volunteer Judge and Mediator working as part of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> ICC International Commercial Mediation Competitions. As a member of the Drafting Committee Niall wrote two culturally diverse dispute scenarios for the 2010 competition in Paris, and he was appointed judge for the final. Niall was a volunteer Judge and Mediator at the 1<sup>st</sup> ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition in Hong Kong, and he was appointed mediator for the final. Niall is also a CROCNAC certified and Mediation UK registered mediator actively involved in commercial and community disputes. Niall has acted as mediator on about eighty occasions.

