

Siri Chandler

Mindfulness Educator

Profile:

Siri was born and raised in Bangkok, to Californian parents. She is a Thai & USA citizen and spent 15 years teaching in international schools in Thailand and Bolivia.



She first started practicing mindfulness in 1988. Having experienced the benefits of mindfulness training and realizing the need for it in our increasingly stressful, busy, and technologically distracted society, she decided to branch out from her profession as an international school classroom teacher to bring mindfulness training to children, teens, & educators. From 2012 to 2017 she spent most of her time teaching mindfulness courses in a variety of different international schools in Bangkok and Bali.

She lives in Paknampran, Pranburi where she continues to teach mindfulness in retreat settings, to small groups, privately and online. Her participants now include corporates, university students, and the general adult population. Due to no longer living in Bangkok, her area of interest has shifted to teaching Mindful Self-Compassion and Mindfulness for Athletes (introducing people to the skills and tools of mindfulness to help them cultivate peak performance).

Education Qualifications

Certified Mindful Self-Compassion Teacher, Center for Mindful Self-Compassion 2021
Trained Teacher of Mindful Self-Compassion, Center for Mindful Self-Compassion 2019
Mindful Self Compassion Teacher Training, Bowral, NSW, Australia, 2018
Trained to Teach the Mindfulness in Schools Project .begin Curriculum, online 2018
Mindfulness for Athletes course, created with Pete Kirchner, Thailand & CA, 2017
MBSR Advanced Teacher Training, Petaluma, CA, USA, 2015
MBSR Teacher Training from UCSD's Center for Mindfulness, 2014
Mindful Schools Certified Instructor, 2014
Trained to Teach the Mindfulness in Schools Project 'Foundations' Curriculum, Bangkok, Thailand, 2014
Trained to Teach the Mindfulness in Schools Project 'Paws.b' Curriculum, London, UK, 2014
Trained to Teach the Mindfulness in Schools Project '.b' Mindfulness Curriculum, Phuket, Thailand, 2013
Mindful Schools Curriculum Training, CA, USA, 2013
Mindfulness Education Institute Year-Long training, CA, USA, 2012-2013
'Stressed Teens' Mindfulness Professional Training, CA, USA, 2012
'Still Quiet Place' Mindfulness Teacher Training, CA, USA, 2011
Cultivating Emotional Balance, Teaching Certificate, Phuket, Thailand, 2010
International School of Bangkok Teacher, Thailand 1999-2010
Cochabamba Coopertive School Teacher, Bolivia, 1998-1999

International School Eastern Seaboard, Chonburi, Thailand, 1994-1997
Early Learning Center, Bangkok, Thailand, 1993-1994
Multiple Subjects, Credential, Dominican University, CA, USA, 1992-1993
B.A., Psychology, University California at Santa Barbara, CA, USA, 1987-1991

Mindfulness Teaching & Work Experience

2023

8.5 Month Community for Deepening Practice (CDP) with Tina Gibson
Online 9-week, Mindful Self-Compassion (MSC) course with Ben Weinstein (Thailand)
Online 8-week, Mindful Self-Compassion (MSC) course with Marcia Burton (Canada)
One-to-One trainings in Foundations of Mindfulness and Youth Athletes

2022

8.5 Month Community for Deepening Practice (CDP) with Tina Gibson
Facilitating the full Mindful Self-Compassion Course as part of the Center of Mindful Self-Compassion's 'Learning Online Teacher Training', CA, USA
Three Online 9-week, Mindful Self-Compassion (MSC) courses. One with Marcia Burton (Canada), Two with Ben Weinstein (Thailand).
5 Day Silent Retreat in Phuket, Thailand with Tina and Pete Gibson
5 Day Online Silent Retreat with Tina Gibson
3 Day Retreat in Amphawa, Thailand with Ben Weinstein
Monthly Reconnect to MSC workshops with Raphael Adjani
Mindfulness for Educators course, St. Andrews, Bangkok
Two Free Online Mini-Retreats with Ben Weinstein
'How Not to Freak Out' workshop for youth competitive sailors, Royal Varuna Yacht Club, Thailand

2021

Live Online Retreat with Tina Gibson
Seven 9-week Online Mindful Self-Compassion courses with co-teachers Jennifer Ayers (USA), Tanya Tierney (Singapore), two courses with Marcia Burton (Canada), & 3 courses with Raphael Jay Adjani (UK).
Facilitating the full Mindful Self-Compassion Course as part of the Center of Mindful Self-Compassion's 'Learning Online Teacher Training', CA, USA
16-week ongoing mindfulness learning support for corporate groups
One-to-one 8-week Mindfulness Sessions
Monthly Reconnect to MSC workshops with Raphael Adjani
Three Free Online Mini-Retreats with Ben Weinstein
Mindfulness for Educators course, St. Andrews, Bangkok

2020

Facilitating the full Mindful Self-Compassion Course as part of the Center of Mindful Self-Compassion's 'Learning Online Teacher Training', CA, USA

Two Online Mindful Self-Compassion 10-day Course for New Life Foundation, Chiang Rai, Thailand
Self-Compassion Retreat, Hua Hin, Thailand

One-to-one Online Resilience Mindfulness Courses, Thammasat Rangsit University, Thailand

One-to-One Mindfulness for Athletes Courses, Online

Mindfulness for Educators course, Assumption College Bangkok Primary Section, Bangkok

2019

Mindfulness Workshops for Corporates:

- Intuit -- India's leadership team, Phuket
- Vodafone outsourced leadership team, Paknampran
- Amadeus leadership group, Hua Hin

Mindful Self-Compassion 8-week course, Bangkok

.begin 9-week course training to Cambodian International Teachers, online with MiSP

4-week course for Thammasat University Medical Students, Bangkok

3-day Introduction to Meditation Retreat, Paknampran

2-week course for Thammasat University Medical Students, Bangkok

Mindful Self-Compassion Workshops, Bangkok

2018

Introduction Workshop & Foundations Course (8 sessions), Concordian International School, Bang Na

Online Private MBSR Courses (8 weeks)

Introduction to Mindfulness Workshops:

- APEC leadership team, Bangkok
- Thammasat University, College of Medicine, Rangsit Campus, Bangkok

4 Week Foundations of Mindfulness Course, Hua Hin

Courage & Body Mindfulness Retreats, Ariyasom, Bangkok

Mindfulness for Athletes Private Courses

2017

Introduction Workshop & Foundations Course for Educators (9 sessions):

- St. Andrews, Sukhumvit 71, Bangkok
- Norwich International School, Bangkok
- Mindfulness Workshops:
 - Norwich International School, Introduction for Parents, Samut Sakhon
 - Bali International School, Mindfulness for Educators Weekend Workshop (2 full days) & one full day of going into 6 classrooms from Kindergarten to Grade 12, demonstrating how mindfulness can be taught, Sanur, Bali

- Annabel's Early Years, Introduction to Parents, Bangkok
 - Satit Kaset IP, Kasetsart University Laboratory School International Program
- Teacher's Development Day Mindfulness Workshop speaker, Satit Kaset, Bangkok
Online Private MBSR Courses (8 weeks)
Mindfulness for Educators in Early Childhood (6 sessions), Annabel's Early Years, Bangkok
2 Mindfulness by the Sea Retreats, Paknampran, Pranburi
Mindfulness for Athletes, 3 Day Weekend Workshop, Paknampran, Pranburi,

2016

Introduction to Mindfulness Workshop:

- St. Andrews, Sathorn Campus, Bangkok
- Early Learning Center, parents, Bangkok

Introduction Workshop & Foundations Course (8 weeks):

- Suananda (with St. Andrews teachers and others) 8-week .b Foundations course
- (2x) Shrewsbury International School, teachers
- ISB, teachers
- Satit Kaset IP, Kasetsart University Laboratory School International Program
- Harrows International School, teachers
- International School of Bangkok (ISB), parents

MBSR Course (8 weeks):

- ISB, teachers
- Rainbow Room, local Thais and expat adults
- Private one-to-one courses

Mindfulness Course - based on MBSR (7 sessions), New International School Bangkok (NIST) Thai staff
2 MBSR Retreats at Ariyasom, Bangkok
MiSP assistant in Paws.b Teacher Training, Phuket International Academy Day School (PIADS), Phuket

2015

Introduction Workshop and MBSR course (9 Sessions):

- ISB, teachers
- (2x) NIST, teachers
- NIST, parents

Paws.b Course (6 sessions), NIST, Year 4 & 5 classes

Mindfulness for Adults - based on the .b course (6 sessions), (2x) NIST, Thai Staff

Introduction Workshop & Foundations Course (8 weeks):

- (2x) Harrows, teachers, Bangkok
- Early Learning Center, teachers, Bangkok
- ISB, parents
- Expat Adults (Sukhumvit Soi 42), Bangkok
- (2x) NIST, teachers

Introduction to Mindfulness Workshop for Teenagers, Harrows, Bangkok

Mindful Schools Curriculum for Children (6 sessions):

- Early Learning Center, worked in a variety of classrooms

MBSR Course (8 weeks):

- ISB, educators
- (2x) NIST, teachers and parents
- Natural Place, parents

Private and Mindfulness Courses for Children & Teens, downtown home visits and Nichada (ISB)

Retreats:

- ISB's Passion Day Teen Retreat, 11th and 12th Graders at Ariyasom
- (2x) MBSR mini-retreat at Suananda

MiSP assistant in Paws.b Teacher Training, Phuket International Academy Day School (PIADS), Phuket

2014

Private and Small Group Mindfulness Courses for Children & Teens, downtown Bangkok home visits and at NIST and Nichada (ISB)

Introduction to Mindfulness Workshop, NIST, parents,

Mindful Schools Curriculum Course (8 sessions), NIST, Year 2, Year 3, and Year 4 classrooms

Paws.b Course (6 sessions), NIST, Year 3 & 5 classrooms

Introduction Workshop & Foundations Course (8 weeks), ISB teachers (piloted with teaching buddies Jackie and Matt Greenwood)

2013

Private and Small Group Mindfulness Courses for Children and Teens:

- Downtown Bangkok & Nichada
- NIST, private sessions with individual students

Introduction Workshop & Mindfulness for Educators Course (6 sessions), NIST

Introduction Workshop, Pilates Studio, adult expats, Bangkok

Mindful Schools Curriculum Course (6-10 sessions):

- NIST, Year 4 classrooms
- ISB, 3rd Grade, 4th Grade, and 5th Grade classes

Introduction & Mindfulness for Parents Course (6 sessions), NIST, parents

2012

Private and Small Group Mindfulness Courses for Children & Teens, Nichada

Mindfulness for Educators Course (6 weeks), Nichada, ISB teachers

Mindful Schools Curriculum Course (10 sessions):

- Rose Marie's School, Year 3-4
- ISB, practicum in Mrs. Hanh's 5th Grade class

2011

Private and Small Group Mindfulness Courses for Children & Teens, Nichada, ISB Community

Group sizes for the courses vary from 6 to 26 participants (in bigger international schools the average is 18 participants per group). Introductory Workshop group size ranges from 10 to 100 participants.

Siri's Retreat Experience (for personal growth):

- 2018: 8-day silent retreat, Dipabhavan Meditation Center, Koh Samui, Thailand
- 2016: 6-day Ajahn Brahm's Silent Retreat, Hua Hin, Thailand
- 2015: Week-long Residential MBSR Advanced Teacher Training, Petaluma, CA, USA
5-day Alan Wallace Shamatha retreat, Singapore
- 2013: 5-Day Ethics Retreat with Plum Village, Ayutthaya, Thailand
Week-long residential retreat - Mindful Education Institute year-long program,
CA, USA
- 2012: Week-long residential retreat to start Mindful Education Institute year long
program, CA, USA
- 2011: 8 week Shamatha & 4 Immeasurables Retreat, Alan Wallace, Thanyapura, Phuket
- 2010: 5.5 Week Cultivating Emotional Balance Residential Retreat/Training,
Thanyapura, Phuket
- 2008: 7-day Mind Training & Meditation Retreat, Kopan, Nepal
- 2004: Month long (followed by one week intensive) Lam Rim Retreat in Kopan, Nepal
- 1990's: many 10-day Introduction to Buddhism Retreats at Tushita Retreat Center,
Dharmasala, India
- 1988: 10-day retreat at Wat Suanmokh, Thailand.

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