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TCKid Founder Passes Torch to New Leadership

As the world welcomes in a new year, TCKid, a non-profit organization that has served as an active global community of adult third culture kids (TCK) across geographical boundaries, welcomes a change in leadership. After four years of creating and managing TCKid.com as a platform to connect and resource third culture kids around the world, Founder Brice Royer passes on the management to a new executive director, Myra Dumapias.

“I once heard it said, ‘There’s no success without a successor’ and ‘If you love something, you have to be able to let it go,’” says Royer. “I have LOVED doing this but realize that to ensure that it continues to grow and be sustainable, it’s time for me to pass down the leadership torch.”

Dumapias comes in TCKid with 11 years background in the community service sector, including 6 years experience in non-profit administrative management. “Myra is just like me, but better,” adds Royer. “Myra has a natural instinct for management, and it is only helped by her previous experience... She has a big heart for TCKid... I feel confident she’s the right person to represent this community.”

Before the transfer, Dumapias worked closely with Royer to ensure the character and heart, as well as the organizational values, of TCKid continues on and builds support to reach its full potential. They created an advisory board to support TCKid with gifts, guidance and resources unique to each member, including Tina Quick, author of *The Global Nomad’s Guide to University Transition*, Josh Sandoz, a licensed mental health counselor specializing in TCK’s and the otherwise internationally mobile, Paul Trigg, a previous volunteer manager of TCKid, Yuyu Din, manager at an internet marketing firm, and Chi Yung Luo, a green architectural consultant. Erin Sinogba, a communications officer at a public health NGO, who helped create TCKid, remains on the team assisting in the management of TCKid. Countless other volunteers remain on the TCKid team and will serve as the constituents and voice of TCKid, alongside the advisory board, as Dumapias coordinates TCKid’s development in its best interest.

Dumapias is a TCK herself and considers this opportunity as the fulfillment of a childhood dream. “In the transition of my last year as a student of international schools, applying for US colleges as an international student, I remember writing in the applications that I wanted to help other kids like me who up as the constant new-kid-on-the-block, and that I wanted to work in an international community,” Dumapias recalls. With a Masters in Social Work and as an educator, Dumapias also hopes to advocate for expanding the field’s concept of cultural competency to include a genuine understanding of the TCK experience.

After the transition, Royer plans to take a break. “I plan to take care of my family and continue serving TCKs in other capacities, especially those struggling to belong...Although I'm not quite sure what the future holds, I feel I know who holds the future and I look forward to seeing what lies ahead.” For more information, please see <http://news.tckid.com/big-news/>