

POWERFUL LEARNING PRACTICE

15

community leaders
from around the world



20

coaches



28

tools to explore



174

taken an eCourse



540

schools



4,789

year long participants



Powerful Learning Practice is such a game changer. The process of discovery that I have embarked upon will help all of my students in the future. I try to share more, connect more and challenge myself to be better because of this program. My energy and excitement about teaching is at an all time high and it's not coming down. If you have the chance, try it! Make the chance, be the change you want to see in the world, because most likely they will be doing PLP too!



- Darren Kools, Kenner CVI, Ontario

Professional development for 21st Century educators



THE CONNECTED LEARNER EXPERIENCE

We want to take you from “What is 21st Century learning and why is it important?” to “How do I create a 21st Century classroom or school?”

When you join our **Connected Learner Experience**, you will actively participate in mind-shifting webinars, collaborate in a dynamic online community of fellow learners, and ultimately create a custom learning product that *you* design.

Teachers, principals and other educators emerge from our year-long **Connected Learner Experience** as classroom, school and system leaders who *get* [SHIFT](#) and who have an arsenal of inquiry-driven, technology-embedded, student-directed teaching and learning strategies. [Listen to the stories.](#)

To sum up, this unique program is:

- Ongoing, job-embedded professional development for 21st Century educators
- Built around social media and Web 2.0 tools
- Made up of intensive, organic, learner-directed, collaborative communities of practice and purposeful network connections
- Focused on leveraging emerging technologies as tools for deep learning and principled change
- [Empirically-based and researched](#) model of professional learning

What are the core experiences I'll be part of during the year?

- You'll participate in a vibrant community of practice where you learn from and share with fellow educators on the same journey — on a time schedule that best suits you.
- You'll explore 21st century teaching & learning environments first-hand.
- You'll probe the benefits and challenges of them shifted classroom as you experiment with research-based teaching strategies.
- You'll design and bring to fruition an action research or “legacy” project that has significant impact on your practice, your school, your leadership.
- You'll take part in two full-day, face-to-face conferences (*locations and dates TBA*). The first half of each day is packed with top-billed speakers in a [TED-like](#) presentation format. Then you'll join your colleagues for an afternoon of interactive workshops designed to both excite and prepare you for your year-long PLP experience.
- You'll collaborate with others through Web 2.0 tools like Twitter, Diigo and Delicious, Wikispaces, Elluminate, Ning and more You'll also explore other cutting-edge Web 2.0 tools along the way.
- You'll co-construct projects and activities related to our webinar content.
- You'll engage in guided practice, supported by case studies, videos, collegial discussions and practical examples.
- You'll tap into your own interests and passions as you pursue self-directed learning within our large global network: **The PLP Community Hub**.
- And you'll select from a menu of other learning options: Book studies with the author, lesson plan studies with practicing 21st century educators, virtual classroom/school visits, customized chats with experienced voices, and some chances to [laugh](#) together.

You are not alone

In this vibrant community of educators, you'll always be able to find a sounding board for ideas, a dose of shared courage when you need it, and lot of professional and personal friends who understand what you're doing, where the value is in our inevitable "fails", and how important it is to celebrate when it just works great! That is no small thing!

Who will help me on my journey?

- Thought leaders & seasoned 21st Century educators from around the world.
- PLP Community Leaders (who offer everyday help and keep the conversations going)
- PLP Connected Coaches (who guide & support PLPeeps as you learn tools, concepts, and work through your Legacy Project of action research)
- PLP Experienced Voices (who share their expertise in special community forums)
- Fellow PLPeeps – who share your learner's perspective and want to talk about it!

How will I be different at the end of this experience?

- You'll possess valuable new skills & knowledge that will benefit your students, school, and district
- You'll be a changed educator, wiser and more confident from taking principled risks.
- You'll be a full-fledged participant in the global community of educators leading the shift.
- For as long as you like, you'll be a member of our ongoing community of practice – the PLP Community Hub – where you'll always be able to find a sounding board for ideas, a dose of shared courage when you need it, and lot of professional and personal friends who understand what you're doing, where the value is in our inevitable "fails", and how important it is to celebrate when it just works great!

The Curriculum: Packed with 21st Century Skills

You'll get ten 90-minute, synchronous, online webinars including -

- Setting the Stage: Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century
- Connected Learning Communities: Learning and Leading in an Online Community of Practice
- Network Literacy: Strategies for Creating Personal Learning Networks
- Becoming a Connected Educator
- Inquiry-based Learning: Who, What, When, Where, Why?
- Inquiry-based Learning: Using TPACK and Connected Learning as Curriculum Tools
- PBL: Getting Your Students from Start to Finish
- Authentic Assessment with Cutting-Edge Technology and Tools
- How to Learn Collaboratively Through Action Research and Collective Intelligence
- Your Legacy Project: Action Research Workshop





“I am truly grateful to be part of the PLP community. It has been a huge source of encouragement and inspiration. Through the seminars and interactive community I have learned to completely shift my classroom from an overfocus on prescribed content, to a student-centred, project-based, tech embedded classroom. It’s been an incredible journey, and I’ve received a lot of support from PLP. My favourite part is that it’s provided job embedded PD, which has changed my classroom more than any conference.”

-Shelley Wright, Cornerstone Christian School, Saskatchewan



For about the cost of a microwaved lunch in the teacher’s lounge, you can participate in all we have to offer. The Connected Learner experience is community-driven PD every single day of the school year – all for around \$5 per day - very affordable. This year-long journey, complete with expert voices, the support of hundreds of educators from around the globe, technology and curriculum knowledge you need, and more can be yours for as low as \$400 per individual (or \$333 if you join as part of a school team).

SIGN UP NOW

Your Team’s Legacy Project

Through our coached process of action research, collaboratively you will select an issue, problem or possibility to address in your school or classroom. Then you and/or your team will develop a creative PD plan to share what you learned with the rest of your school or district. Connected Coaches will work with teams to enrich the action research experience.

Want examples? Here are some past action research projects that became “legacies”. Click on each link below to read their stories.

- [Capturing Learning with Video](#)
- [Creating Inventive Middle School Thinkers](#)
- [Inspiring Connected Readers](#)

Still have questions and want to talk ?

Thinking about joining but not sure which option is right for you? Have other questions or just want to chat with us live? Get your questions answered at one of our regular information sessions. Info sessions are one-hour live webinars, where you’ll chat with our co-founders about our year-long, connected learner experience and other e-learning options. Seating is limited, so [SIGN UP for an info session now.](#)

Individuals or school teams can participate in this powerful learning journey.

LEADING EDGE EXPERIENCE

Transform your school district in 2012.



If you are a superintendent, principal, or other educational leader, you know your iGeneration students are using the Web, mobile technologies, and other digital tools to connect and create social networks. But do you also recognize the transformative potential for learning these tools and technologies represent?

Join other school leaders who want to understand how 21st Century digital advances are challenging traditional curriculum and pedagogy and providing economical new ways to help students achieve more.

The Leading Edge Boot Camp eCourse

In our [5-week, practical eCourse](#) for educational leaders, you'll create a 21st Century action plan for your school or district. You'll leave this boot camp motivated and energetic, with a practical strategy that you can immediately implement school or districtwide.

The Leading Edge Community

The [Leading Edge Community](#) is an ongoing, job-embedded, online community of practice full of educational leaders just like you. You'll collaborate, connect with other educational leaders and reflect deeply upon your learning. All the while you'll receive ongoing support from Powerful Learning Practice Community Leaders, Connected Coaches and visiting 21st Century Experts. Over the course of 9 months, you'll also participate in 18 live, interactive webinars (two per month) covering hot topics that are relevant to school leaders such as:

- How to Shift Your Curriculum
- Managing Your Online Reputation
- Distributive Leadership for Student Success
- [and more](#)

Get The Complete Experience

You may choose to attend just the [boot camp](#), but why not do both? Use the 5-week Boot Camp to kick off your 9-month, ongoing, job-embedded Community experience. Save when you register for both the Boot Camp and the online Community with our early bird pricing discount (before June 1, 2012).



“The Leading Edge bootcamp transformed me to be a risk-taker in trying new forms of technology and to further immerse myself in PD through

Twitter and Blogging. However, the follow-up discussions with the leadership group (Leading Edge Experience) through this school year have been the most enriching in that I have connected with movers and shakers in education and technology who have both confirmed challenges for me and have encouraged me to stay the course with important initiatives.”

- Anne Macleod Weeks, Agnes Irwin School

Our Powerful Learning eCourses are practical, affordable, and an easy way to get your professional development in from the comfort of your own home (or wherever your laptop and your imagination take you). **Graduate credit is available for all our instructor led eCourses.**

21st Century-ize Your Curriculum

So you're convinced that you need to shift your classroom practice to leverage Web 2.0 tools as a powerful learning strategy. But how do you actually do it? In the 21st Century-ize Your Curriculum eCourse, you'll learn just that. [Learn more](#)

Transformation, One Lesson At A Time

Have you decided you want a change in your curriculum and don't know where to start? Or feel overwhelmed by all of the new ideas out there? This course will help you start small and integrate 21st Century concepts into one lesson or activity. [Learn more](#)

Connected Coaching

The use of coaches to assist educators in becoming more accomplished and subsequently improving student achievement occurs frequently in face to face settings. To meet the needs of today's connected educators, coaching should also move into online spaces. The Connected Coaching eCourse will prepare you to coach in online spaces, to leverage the affordances of technology for coaching. [Learn more](#)

Teaching Online: Becoming A Connected Educator

Learning today takes place anywhere and anytime. To meet the needs of today's connected learner, today's educator needs to be fluent in new media literacies. The Teaching Online: Becoming a Connected Educator eCourse will prepare you to be an online professor, teach online courses in blended environments such as a virtual school, or teaching blended courses in traditional settings. [Learn more](#)

School Communications Toolkit For School Leaders

As technology expands daily, today's school leaders have a wide array of new communications options at their fingertips. As we explore 21st Century Skills, ISTE's NETS for Administrators (NETS•A), Web 2.0 Tools and more, we will discuss how to collaborate and communicate as 21st Century Leaders both in our school communities and beyond. Come and learn how you can master 21st Century Leader communications tools and strategies in the School Communications Toolkit for School Leaders eCourse. [Learn more](#)

Discounted Pricing

Significant discounts are available for:

- Schools or districts: groups of educators from the same school or organization who want to take an eCourse together
- Bundled pricing: save money when you enroll in 2, 3, 4, or more eCourses