

2011 ABEL Summer Institute Connected Community Learning: The Next Decade

The award-winning **Advanced Broadband Enabled Learning (ABEL)** program and Learning Connections is pleased to announce the 2011 ABEL Summer Institute (ASI). Our tenth annual event takes place at York University from Monday, August 22 to Wednesday, August 24, 2011.

The theme for this year's Summer Institute is **Connected Community Learning: The Next Decade**. Over the past ten years the Internet has impacted society in many ways. This impact includes democratizing access to information, providing opportunities for individual voice, sharing ideas and knowledge building, instantaneous responses to questions, social networks and networking that expand our knowing and doing, new regulation and policy for information access, copyright, and appropriate use, digital citizenship, and, the list continues. What will the next ten years bring?

At this Summer Institute delegates will investigate the power of connected community for teaching and learning. This Summer Institute is intended as both a guided and self-directed exploration of technologies as educational tools with learning engagement and knowledge building potential for all. The program includes guest speakers, seminars, presentations, group discussions, hands-on workshops and sessions for development of curriculum ideas and the effective use of technology for teaching, learning and training.

The conference will feature a keynote presentation from Dr. Curt Bonk, Professor of Instructional Systems Technology at Indiana University and President of CourseShare. Dr. Bonk will present "The Flat World has Swung Open: How Web Technology is Revolutionizing Education" offering an intriguing look at ten technology trends he refers to as educational openers.

Other featured speakers include Dean Shareski, Digital Learning Consultant for Prairie South School Division in Saskatchewan, and Dr. Norm Vaughn, Associate Professor in the Department of Education, Faculty of Teaching and Learning at Mount Royal University in Calgary, Alberta.

Teachers, principals, administrators, faculty, policy makers, and private and public sector partners will be attending. Delegates also include key influencers who shape the educational system locally, provincially, and across Canada.

ABEL strives to improve results through its community for sharing knowledge and collaboration and its professional learning program. Through both public and private sector partnerships and a research-based approach, ABEL models the use of new and existing information communication technologies (ICT) in teaching, learning and training. ABEL's combination of networks, partnerships and a focus on research, results in innovative models for teaching and learning that drive institutional transformation and create new opportunities.



Let's embrace the next ten years together.

For registration information and to view the event agenda, visit the [ABEL Summer Institute website](#). To learn more about ABEL, visit <http://www.abelearn.ca>.