

COHORT21

RETHINKING LEARNING FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Cohort 21 is a year-long professional development opportunity for CIS Ontario educators. It seeks to bring together passionate teachers who are looking to refine their practice and explore new pedagogies and teaching tools.

C21 Sign-Up

Registration for Cohort 21 begins in September. Each CIS Ontario school may submit one educator from any grade, department or role. Candidates do not need technology skills, just a passion for learning and an interest in shifting their practice.



September

Building Community



The first face-to-face session is dedicated to building relationships and community within the cohort. It is here that we set-up the framework and mindset for the year. This session is also about professional learning networks and the tools that enable them. Participants walk away with a new toolkit and a new community with whom to connect, collaborate, and reflect.



October



Design Thinking

In the second face-to-face session we seek to deepen our exploration of 21st century education through the use of Design Thinking protocols. It is in this session that the "Action Plan" is launched and innovation begins.



November



Innovation

Each year the third face-to-face session is held in the MaRS Discovery District. Community building and innovation continue to be a focus as cohort members are asked to dive deeper into their Action Plans. To help facilitate this process Cohort 21 has formed a unique partnership with the MaRS education incubator. Members will hear from various educational start-ups, provide feedback and explore partnership opportunities.

MaRS

January



The End of the Beginning....



The final face-to-face session is a celebration of learning. It is a day of sharing and reflection. Cohort members connect in small groups to share and reflect on their action plan journeys with an eye to the future. They make plans to continue growing together and to bring their experience back to their own schools. The day ends just as the Cohort 21 experience began: with a commitment to refining practice and exploring new pedagogies and tools.

April

What does the data say?

35 CIS Ontario schools participated
80 Member blogs and growing
435 Member posts and rising
1345 Comments driving discussion
15725 Visits from all over the world

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