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ABEL Supporting your Annual Learning Plan

Occasionally, members of the ABEL community plan and deliver projects and activities independently, as individuals or as groups. Some of the most interesting and rewarding projects in the past are those that have responded to the interests and needs of individual members and groups across the jurisdictions that make up the ABEL community. On such occasions, ABEL provides a wide range of support for these initiatives including:

- Research services, tools training and technical support
- Contacts with appropriate expertise both within the community and outside of it
- Planning processes
- Appropriate recognition within the community and across jurisdictions

Community members planning a project or delivering an event independently are urged to contact the Program Office initially so that the scope and goals of your project can be understood. In this way, the best recommendations for technology and pedagogy can be made and support established to assist you.



ABEL Summer Institute

Every summer, the ABEL Program Office hosts the ABEL Summer Institute (ASI), featuring guest speakers, presentations, group discussions and hands-on workshops for the development of curriculum ideas and the integration of technology for the upcoming school year.

The ASI is a great opportunity for ABEL members to meet and exchange stories and ideas about their experiences with technology. ASI features guest speakers, presentations, group discussions and hands-on workshops for the development of curriculum ideas and the integration of technology for the upcoming school year.

Additional Qualification Opportunity

York University offers opportunities for ABEL teachers to gain Additional Qualifications (AQ) by taking courses in a variety of subjects and areas of specialty. The AQ program is offered in an online format and will include and incorporate the work community members are currently doing in their ABEL classrooms. York University is providing a special registration process to accommodate ABEL program participants.

Registering for a York University AQ course through ABEL provides additional means for the ABEL community to enhance their professional learning. Visit <http://edu.yorku.ca/profdev> to view the full offering of York University's online AQ courses.




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Training Days: Hands on with Digital Literacy

ABEL Training Days sessions are hands-on and allow participants to explore the tool in either a half or full day session. Participants learn to use the tool and how to apply the use of the specific tool to plan and/or create curricular or training related activities for their school, classroom or workplace.

Tools include Learning Toolkit, Voicethread, Turnitin, WriteCycle, Adobe Acrobat Professional, Adobe Connect, Streamed Media Content, Second Life, and more.

Advanced Broadband Enabled Learning (ABEL) transforms learning by connecting people. ABEL strives to improve results through its networks for knowledge sharing and collaboration and its Professional Learning Program (PLP).

The ABEL PLP brings real-time expertise directly to educators and practitioners. A wide array of offerings are available to ABEL participants providing support for, and expertise in, a variety of tools and pedagogically sound approaches to the effective use of technology for teaching and learning.

Professional Learning Webcast Series

The ABEL Professional Learning Webcast Series are streamed videos that provide access to information and training that supplements the ABEL Training Days content. Webcasts offer a variety of “how to” videos with pedagogical strategies for using the highlighted tool.

New Webcasts include Learning Toolkit, VoiceThread, Adobe Connect, Cell Phones in Education, and Second Life. Archived Webcasts are also available, and include Wimba, PKS, e-portfolios and many others.



ABEL Speaker Series

The ABEL Speaker Series brings well-known practitioners and effective practice into ABEL classrooms by means of streamed video technology. The Speaker Series uses a webcast format to allow for easy access and sharing among colleagues. Where possible and appropriate, the series includes pre- and post- activities focused on developing a deeper understanding of the content and using it to shape classroom practice.

Digital Literacy Leadership Seminars

ABEL Digital Literacy Leadership Seminars provide a forum where educators can discuss, reflect on and plan teaching, learning and leading strategies to address the needs of the 21st century learner and the use of technology in education. The two seminars have been developed to help improve the digital literacy and leadership skills of educational leaders so they can better support their educational community.

Developing a Digital Literacy Strategy
Exploring Our Digital Footprint: Character Education in a Digital Age

Leadership Round Table

The ABEL Leadership Round Table meets twice during the academic year through face-to-face and online sessions that provide a framework for teacher-leaders to support professional learning. During these round tables, Leads plan for site capacity building, determine professional learning requirements with their peer teachers and reflect on digital literacy implementation at their school.



Self-Directed Professional Learning

Members of the ABEL community will find a number of interesting self-guided professional learning classes designed for both beginning and long-term members. These courses are in ABEL Moodle. Both new research and other content/materials from the ABEL community are referenced in these learning modules.

These classes can be accessed whenever it is convenient for the community member. Full access and learning goals for each self-directed class is available in ABEL Moodle. Use this training Moodle as a means to learn about the different features of Moodle. As a student in this course you can experience Moodle just like your students will in your Moodle course.