

# Symposium on Assessment *for Learning*

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How to Lead and Support  
System-Wide Change

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# An Event for Leadership Teams

Our 11th Annual July Symposium is designed to give district assessment leaders an opportunity to evaluate their current assessment practices and make plans to implement new strategies and tactics.

The Symposium is, in many ways, a strategy development retreat where a number of assessment teams come together to work on their plans for the coming year in a supportive environment.



It is also an enriched learning environment where individuals in learning leader positions – directors, superintendents, district staff, school administrators, principals, and lead teachers – are exposed to leading edge information about what is working in the field of classroom assessment.

It is our goal to support system leadership teams in a number of ways, including:

- exploring advanced principles of assessment for learning, with reviews of the latest research and case studies of what has been tried and what is working in educational systems
- showing how participants can lead, and support the adoption of, assessment for learning principles and practices within their own systems
- providing participating teams with a framework to evaluate the state of their current assessment practices, guidance to set new goals, and time to draft an action plan for advancing assessment for learning initiatives in their own systems
- fostering a sense of community as participants get the opportunity to network with other educators and assessment leaders who are striving towards similar goals and facing similar challenges
- providing a nurturing environment where participants can learn new things, meet new people, reflect upon their learning and future goals, and recharge in a relaxing resort setting

## Getting a Better Understanding of Your Current Situation

The Symposium leaders will help you grapple with the successes and gaps within your current assessment approach, including discussions of:

- indicators of quality assessment for system learning
- ways to collect and use qualitative and quantitative data to report growth toward school and system-wide goals
- ways that systems, large and small, are keeping their assessment for learning initiatives on track

During the Symposium, examples from classrooms, schools, and systems will be used to illustrate ideas and provide a focus for problem-solving activities designed to help participants find their own pathway to success.

## Benefit from the Input of Assessment Leaders

At this Symposium, the total number of participants is limited to give each participating team an opportunity for “high touch” access to the Symposium’s team of resource leaders. Resource people will:

- give presentations and lead break-out sessions
- spend quality time with you and your team to assist with your assessment planning process
- provide intensive interaction, feedback, mentoring, consulting, and fresh perspectives, as you consider the needs of your own system and plan for coming advances

The resource people will support participants’ work during planning sessions, answer questions, provide feedback and deliver the kind of valuable input that you would expect from a one-on-one consulting engagement.



## Developing an Assessment Plan to Foster System-wide Change

Your team will leave with a fully developed action plan ready for approval, including goals and strategies for leading and supporting the adoption of assessment for learning best practices throughout your organization.

## Time to Learn and Process

The Symposium runs from Monday to Friday, with the daily sessions wrapping up with plenty of time for you to enjoy the later part of the afternoons and the long evenings (in July, the sun doesn’t set on Vancouver Island until after 9 pm).

## Who Should Attend? – Teams of Three or More

This event is for assessment leadership teams of three or more participants in learning leader positions – directors, superintendents, district staff, school administrators, principals, lead teachers – anyone who acts as a lead learner in the area of assessment for learning. If you do not yet have a formal team in place, please consider attending with members of your informal network.



*“The Symposium is a place to learn and a place to plan. Bring your superintendent. Bring a team of school-based administrators and district office personnel. By facilitating the continuous articulation of our plan, we came to a much deeper understanding of our plan in terms of strengths, weaknesses, and possible solutions.”*

John Orr, Director of Instructional Services, Northern Lights School Division, Bonnyville, AB

## Your Resource Team\*



**Kathy Busick, Ph.D.**  
Researcher, Writer  
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**Sandra Herbst**  
Assistant Superintendent  
River East Transcona School  
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**Anne Davies, Ph.D.**  
Researcher, Consultant, Author  
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**Paul LeMahieu, Ph.D.**  
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Queen's University, Belfast,  
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**Beth Reynolds, Ph.D.**  
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\*Note: Subject to change without notice.

## A Special Learning Environment

The Symposium will be held at Crown Isle Golf Resort in Vancouver Island's spectacular Comox Valley (direct flights available from Vancouver, Calgary, and Edmonton). Event attendees have the opportunity to renew themselves amongst the mountains and tidal flows of this beautiful island paradise. The area offers incredible golf, kayaking, hiking, mountain biking, beaches, and world famous scuba diving and fishing. Come alone or bring the family!

Your registration includes all workshop materials including leading books on the practice of assessment for learning (value: \$90 or more), a portfolio of handouts, and valuable worksheets for creating your assessment plans. In addition, you will enjoy gourmet breakfast, lunch, and breaks each session day.

Note that rooms have been set aside at substantial savings for participants and should be booked as soon as possible under the block for Assessment Symposium

at 1-888-338-8439 (ask for the Group Coordinator) or through [www.crownisle.com](http://www.crownisle.com). It is important to mention you are with a conference in order to access the savings.



## Featured Symposium Texts *(included in registration fee)*



Both Leaders' books  
available for \$65

Price:  
**\$39<sup>00</sup>**

### *Leading the Way to Making Classroom Assessment Work*

Authors: Anne Davies, Sandra Herbst, and Beth Parrott Reynolds

Based on the best-selling guidebook for teachers, *Making Classroom Assessment Work*, 2nd Edition, *Leading the Way* is designed to help school administrators, district leaders/personnel, and superintendents support educators and students in the assessment process.

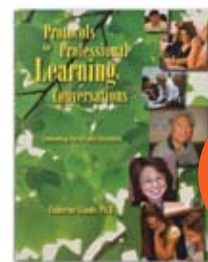


Price:  
**\$39<sup>00</sup>**

### *Transforming Barriers to Assessment for Learning*

Authors: Anne Davies, Sandra Herbst, and Beth Parrott Reynolds

This book shows how school administrators, district personnel, and superintendents have overcome barriers and implemented a new system of learning based on the principles of assessment for learning.



Price:  
**\$25<sup>00</sup>**

### *Protocols for Professional Learning Conversations*

Author: Catherine Glaude

This resource book features collegial conversations focused on improving student learning and offers a variety of protocols to help teams work together productively. A powerful professional development tool for educators.

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*"This Symposium is a must for anyone who wants to create an executable plan. We were able to take the skeleton of our plan and build many details into it through a deepening of our understanding of AFL, and with the assistance of the variety of input pieces from both the resource people and other participants. We have built our own capacity and feel confident that we can return to Ontario to build sustainable capacity within our school board."*

Arlene Robinson, Assessment Consultant

Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board, Peterborough, ON

*"It was a working, creating, thinking and re-thinking week. We developed a plan to implement at home and were assisted by the resource people to revamp, reconstruct and improve our plans. The Symposium generated many new ideas and gave our team opportunities to discuss these ideas in depth and plan to implement the ideas in the coming term. As a learning experience, I rate this event a 10 out of 10."*

Christine Chalaturnyk, Teacher, Innisfail Middle School  
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## REGISTRATION FEES

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<input type="checkbox"/> July 19th - 23rd, 2010	CAN \$ 1525 + GST	US \$ 1525
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## REQUIRED PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Your application will not be processed without the following completed information

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Registration is not confirmed unless space is available and full payment is received. Please let us know when you register if you need special assistance or have special dietary needs. Refunds, less a \$50 processing fee are available with written notification postmarked by February 28th, 2010. Refunds, less a \$100 processing fee are available with written notification postmarked between March 1st, 2010 and June 1st, 2010. Refunds will not be issued after this deadline; substitutions, however, will be accepted. We reserve the right to cancel or reschedule as registration warrants. In the unlikely event of a cancellation, registrants will be notified by May 14th, 2010 and will receive a full refund.