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Save the Dates! Fall Meeting 2022

COED is happy to announce this year's Fall Meeting will take place virtually, from November 2 to 4, 2022. This year's theme is "[EDs as Superheroes: Solving Wicked Problems in Educational Development and Beyond](#)." Be sure to mark your calendars for this year's exciting event!

- **Wednesday, November 2, time TBA:** [Curriculum Community of Practice \(CoP\)](#)
- **Thursday, November 3, 1 pm–4 pm:** Fall Meeting Day 1
- **Friday, November 4, 9 am–12 pm:** Fall Meeting Day 2

The COED Fall Meeting has always represented a wonderful opportunity to connect with educational development colleagues across the province (and beyond). This year's event will include both synchronous and asynchronous opportunities for engagement to solve wicked problems in educational development and higher education. Event details will follow closer to the session dates. We look forward to seeing you there!

Get Involved: Action Learning Sets (ActLS) and Communities of Practice (CoP)

Getting ready for Fall 2022 and looking to get involved with the COED community? Consider joining one or more COED Action Learning Sets (ActLS) and/or Communities of Practice (CoP). The six groups listed below are accepting new members in Fall 2022. Please connect with each group's co-leads for more information.

- **Access and Accessibility in Educational Development ActLS** co-led by [Ameera Ali](#) and [Lisa Aikman](#)
- **Experiential Education ActLS** led by [Lindita Prendi](#)
- **Curriculum CoP** co-led by [Beth Hundey and Heather Campbell](#)
- **Indigenous Education CoP** co-led by [Natalie Currie-Patterson](#) and [Jaimie Kechege](#)
- **Leadership in Educational Development CoP** (currently inviting those who participated in the EDC workshop in February 2022, please refer to the website for more information) co-led by [Monica Vesely](#) and [Michal Kasprzak](#)
- **Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) CoP** co-led by [Kyle Turner](#) and [Nina Doré](#)

What are the differences between Action Learning Sets (ActLS) and/or Communities of Practice (CoP)? Visit the ["Action Learning Sets and Communities of Practice" webpage](#) for more information.

Staying Connected: Co-Mentorship, Slack, Twitter, and Fika Fridays

COED Co-Mentorship

The COED co-mentorship program launched with great success on June 10, 2022, and we will be hosting the next "speed-dating" session in early December via Zoom. Meet and chat with your colleagues and continue the conversations on Slack and/or the co-mentorship hub. Visit the ["Co-Mentorship" webpage](#) for more information.

COED Slack Channel

COED is now on Slack! [Join the COED Slack channel](#) to stay connected with colleagues from the co-mentorship program, Fika Fridays, ActLS and CoP, and other events.

Hello [@coedcfpo](#) #Twitter

COED has joined Twitter and we want to connect with you. Follow [@coedcfpo](#) and use the hashtag #coedcfpo to chat with us!

Fika Fridays

Recognizing that educational developers often don't take enough time for breaks and to connect with colleagues, the Fika Friday practice was introduced. COED organizes virtual Fika Friday sessions for the community. The virtual session is a chance to gather with colleagues from different institutions and take a break from your daily activities. Our next Fika Friday is August 26, 2022, at 11 am EDT via [Zoom](#). Visit the ["Fika Fridays" webpage](#) for the list of 2022 dates.

Consultation Update: Ontario Ministry of Education

On Monday, March 28, 2022, nine COED members (including three executives) met with representatives of the Ministry of Education, Skills Development and Apprenticeship Branch to provide initial feedback on a variety of topics related to the modernization of the high school curriculum, including graduation requirements, course types and pathways, and the curriculum review cycle. In preparation for the consultation, the COED executive gathered input from the membership via a survey that addressed these specific questions:

- Is there anything Ontario should change about Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) requirements?
- What senior-level course types are needed to best prepare students for all post-secondary pathways?
- What criteria should the ministry consider when reviewing the curriculum for revision, including the scope of those revisions, to ensure the curriculum is relevant today and prepares students for their future?
- How often should the curriculum be reviewed?
- How many curriculum documents should be revised and introduced into schools each year?

The group engaged in a valuable exchange of ideas around the topics above, and COED's feedback was met with appreciation.

COED Updates: Volunteers and Elections

Accessibility Working and Group and Communications Coordinator

COED is excited to announce our new accessibility working group and communications coordinator. We are grateful to the following volunteers for taking on these roles to support and foster the development of COED.

- **Allison Fitzgibbon**, Program Coordinator and Professor, Educational Support, Sheridan College
- **Electra Eleftheriadou**, Coach for Greater Inclusion and Equity, Facilitator for the APS-IDEA (American Physical Society Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Alliance)
- **Samantha Chang**, Faculty Liaison, Pedagogical Support, Teaching & Learning, Faculty of Arts & Science, University of Toronto

The volunteers' priorities include reviewing the COED website and newsletter. Stay tuned for changes in the coming months!

Fall Elections

With fall elections on the horizon, we'd like members to consider nominating a colleague or yourself as COED Chair, Elect for this upcoming year. You and a colleague could even nominate yourselves to be co-Chairs! If you would consider the opportunity to co-Chair but don't have someone in mind to self-nominate with, we are considering mechanisms that will allow interested parties to show their interest in co-Chairing and the opportunity to partner with someone in the Chair, Elect role. We have seen the amazing synergies that happen when the university and college sectors both have representation on the executive. We encourage members from the university and college sector to consider the Chair position! Please reach out to us via the [COED executive email](#), if you have any questions and/or curiosities about the role.