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COED 2024 Spring Newsletter

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Introducing the COED Fall Meeting 2024 Planning Committee

The COED Fall Meeting 2024 Planning Committee has been busy preparing for the upcoming gathering! This year's fall meeting is organized by the Co-Chairs Elect—Christopher, Mercedes, and Shirley—alongside the **2024 Planning Committee** consisting of:

- Anish Arif
- Elita Laios
- Lisa Endersby
- Sam Yousefifard

Some highlights of the Planning Committee to date include:

- Assembling a dynamic planning team.
- Reviewing last year's process and planning documents (e.g., the results of the Community Planning Survey) and discussing how to support COED membership this year, what the format may be, possible themes, etc.
- Meeting with Allison Fitzgibbon, lead of COED's Accessibility Working Group. The working group will help to support material development for the upcoming Fall Meeting.

The COED Fall Meeting is an excellent opportunity to (re-)connect with educational development colleagues across the province (and beyond). Visit the COED website for information about [past COED Fall Meetings](#) from the last fourteen years. We look forward to connecting with you in Fall 2024.

Connecting with the COED Community

Save the dates! Bookmark and visit the [“COED Important Dates” webpage](#) for a list of upcoming events.

Upcoming Community of Practice (CoP) and Action Learning Set (ActLS) Sessions

Join the conversation at the following upcoming CoP/ActLS sessions:

- **Graduate Student Development CoP**, April 15 and May 27, 2024, 11 am to 12:15 pm ET, Zoom (contact [Lisa Aikman](#), [Cristina D’Amico](#), or [Joel Rodgers](#) for the link)
- **Access and Accessibility in Educational Development ActLS**, April 16, 2024, 1 pm to 2 pm ET, Zoom (contact [Cristine D’Amico](#) or [Will Heikoop](#) for the link)
- **Generative AI CoP**, April 18, 2024, 10:30 am to 12 pm ET, Zoom (contact [Robin Sutherland-Harris](#) or [Stephanie Verkoeyen](#) for the link)
- **Experiential Learning CoP**, April 25, 2024, 9 am to 10 am ET, MS Teams (contact [Lindi Prendi](#) or [Brian Nairn](#) for the link)

Fika Fridays (April 19 and May 31)

Invite your educational development colleagues and friends and join the COED community one Friday a month on Zoom to connect with folx from different institutions and take a break from your daily activities. Our upcoming [Fika Fridays](#) are:

- April 19, 2024, 11 am to 12 pm ET
- May 31, 2024, 11 am to 12 pm ET
- No sessions in June, July, and August 2024

Co-Mentorship Session (June 7)

[Co-mentorship](#) offers a unique opportunity for COED members to connect in one-on-one and/or small group conversations on shared topics of interest and to further develop relationships with peer colleagues within the organization. COED will host the next co-mentorship session on Friday, June 7, 2024, from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm ET on Zoom. Registration is now open via Zoom. Hope to see you there!

Check out the following just-for-fun readings from the March 7 co-mentorship session:

- Little, D., & Green, D. A. (2012). [Betwixt and between: Academic developers in the margins](#). *International Journal for Academic Development*, 14(1).
- Richards, J., et al. (2023). [Titles, experience, identities, and time: How the early career stage is defined by educational developers](#). *Collected Essays on Learning and Teaching*, 17(3), 203–215.
- Simmons, N., et al. (2013). [Conflicts and configurations in a liminal space: SoTL scholars' identity development](#). *Teaching & Learning Inquiry*, 1(2), 9–21.
- Whitchurch, C. (2012). [Reconstructing identities in higher education](#). Routledge.

Grad Development CoP Annual Meeting (July 5)

The [Grad Development CoP](#) will hold its annual meeting on Friday, July 5, from 10 am to 3 pm EDT at the University of Toronto. This event will be hybrid and free to attend. We plan to share ideas and experiences regarding the changing landscape of graduate professional development; more information about registration and the schedule for the day will be available closer to the event. In the meantime, feel free to connect with [Joel](#), [Lisa](#), or [Cristina](#) with any questions.

Contacting COED

Questions about COED? We would love to chat with you. Please email us at communications@coedcfpo.ca.