

LCEEQ Annual Conference

Report



February 7 – 8, 2022

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LCEEQ Conference 2022, "The Reflective Practitioner" provided the opportunity for reflection and collegial exchange on a number of issues including: a deeper understanding of learning, how the curriculum should enhance such, the role of assessment, equity, diversity, optimizing technology, and the importance of health and well-being for all. Educators were invited to engage in some reflection on their practice.

Registration Information

As in previous Conferences, there was no registration fee to attend and each LCEEQ affiliate was offered a number of places. The Conference Coordinator in each School Board/Association/Institution was able to provide access to approved delegates to the Conference website, <https://conference.lceeq.ca> Approved participants then completed their individual registrations and were provided a personalized schedule. All support documentation was available electronically.

In the virtual context, it was difficult to accurately determine whether each individual who registered attended, as in some cases participants did not use the name with which they registered but depended on the identification on the device they were using . The details per session (pages 4-5) provide an overall picture of attendance.

Conference Attendance per Board/Association

School Board/ Association/Institution	Allocation	Registered Delegates
AAESQ	5	2
AJDS	6	3
Bishop’s University	10	6
Central Québec SB	35	23
Champlain College	25	25
Concordia University	10	3
Cree School Board	15	15
Dawson College	10	5
Eastern Shores SB	25	25
Eastern Townships SB	50	39
English Montreal SB	130	78
FNEC	7	4
John Abbott College	8	17
Kativik SB	15	0

LCEEQ		24
LEARN	10	19
Lester B. Pearson SB	150	143
Littoral SB	6	1
Marianopolis College	6	0
McGill University	7	11
Ministry of Education	30	33
New Frontiers SB	30	30
QAIS	20	36
QPAT	10	8
Riverside SB	30	25
Sir Wilfrid Laurier SB	75	56
Vanier College	15	15
Western Québec SB	60	37
TOTALS:	800	697

Conference participants who identified as:

Teacher	Administrator	Consultant	Professionals	Student/ Pre-service	Other
37.2 %	25.7 %	22.6 %	5.4 %	1.6 %	7.5 %

Conference Programme

The programme was made up of Keynote Speakers, Featured Speakers, and Workshops by local presenters:

Date	Keynote	Featured Workshop	Local Workshop
February 7, 2022	Alfie Kohn	Andrew Campbell	Samar Abboud Sadie Haque Claudine Turnbull
Morning		Joanne McEachen	
		Ainsley Rose	Dawn Wiseman Limin Jao, Amy Allison, Christianne
		Lisa Balckwell*	

			Loupelle, Laura Quilty, Adriana Ruffini
			Dawn Wiseman
Afternoon		Andrew Campbell	James Gore
		Joanne McEachen	Jason Ferris
		Shane Safir	Trista Hollweck
			Stephanie MacKinnon
	Will Richardson		
	Homa Tavangar		
February 8, 2022	Dr Jennifer Williams	Michael Kuczala	Andrea Nouvet Stephanie Dunn
Morning		Rachael Mann	
		Laura McBain	
		Dr. Jennifer Williams	
		Will Richardson Homa Tavangar	
Afternoon		Dr. Jennifer Williams	Claudine Turnbull Samar Abboud
		Gabriel Rshaid	
		Laura McBain	Allison Holmes
			Curran Jacobs
Closing Plenary	Rachael Mann		

***Lisa Blackwell** was unable to present live because a severe storm had knocked out her internet access. She recorded her presentation and it was included in the recorded archives.

Access to Recorded Sessions

Every session was recorded. Shortly following the event, delegates registered for the Conference were provided access to these recordings so that they can watch any of the presentations at their convenience.

One indication of the effectiveness of a workshop is the number of participants who begin the presentation and stay with it through to the end. The chart below indicates that there was a very high “staying coefficient” in the different Sessions .

	Registered	Attended	At the outset	At the half way	Stay 'til at least half
P1	621	542	87%	527	97%
P2	520	396	76%	376	95%
P3	621	510	82%	485	95%
CP	577	399	69%	373	93%
A1	35	25	71%	25	100%
A3	168	130	77%	123	95%
A4	50	41	82%	39	95%
A5	105	89	85%	84	94%
A6	80	65	81%	64	98%
A7	41	34	83%	33	97%
B1	171	126	74%	122	97%
B2	76	60	79%	58	97%
B3	91	75	82%	70	93%
B4	76	55	72%	50	91%
B5	102	87	85%	85	98%
B6	114	86	75%	84	98%
C1	124	92	74%	90	98%
C2	127	92	72%	91	99%
C3	82	63	77%	51	81%
C4	46	37	80%	37	100%
C5	146	104	71%	101	97%
C6	91	71	78%	70	99%

D1	170	133	78%	131	98%
D2	128	77	60%	75	97%
D3	103	72	70%	59	82%
D4	54	39	72%	37	95%
D5	42	35	83%	34	97%
D6	120	80	67%	76	95%

Conference Evaluations

Conference participants were invited to evaluate the sessions attended by completing an on-line survey. The link to the survey was provided on their individualized schedule. They were encouraged to provide feedback after each workshop session and then submit once completed.

Two hundred twenty-three delegates (223) completed the electronic survey, representing a response rate of more than 33%. As a gesture of appreciation, those who provided feedback in the designated time period were eligible to enter a random draw for a one-hundred-dollar gift card from Indigo if they chose to self-identify. The lucky winner was **Valerie Honig**, a Consultant with the English Montreal School Board.

Scale: 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree)

	Average Score
The Conference met my expectations	4.4 / 5
The Conference will be of value to me in the future	4.3 / 5
The Conference had enough variety to maintain my interest	4.3 / 5
The Conference's online format was satisfactory	4.4 / 5

Workshop Name	Average Workshop Score	Presenters
DAY 1 9:00 - 10:00 - Plenary 1		
P1 The (Progressive) Schools Our Students Deserve	4.5	Alfie Kohn

Workshop Name	Average Workshop Score	Presenters
10:30 – 11:45 - Workshops - Block A		
A1 - A Culture Change Through ICT - Adult/Voc	4.5	Samar Abboud et al
A2 - Cancelled		Lisa Blackwell
A3 - Creating, Fostering, and Sustaining Intentional Spaces of Belonging in our Schools	4.4	Andrew Campbell
A4 - When Adversity Becomes Opportunity: Embracing Distance Education During the Covid-19 Pandemic and Beyond	3.8	Gloria Longo
A5 - Making the Important Measurable, Not the Measurable Important	3.8	Joanne McEachen
A6 - Revisiting The Fifth Discipline: The art and practice of the learning organization	4.5	Ainsley B. Rose
A7 - Reflecting on practice through interdisciplinary PBL and student-directed STEM inquiry - Secondary	4.2	Dawn Wiseman et al
13:30 – 14:30 - Workshops - Block B		
Disrupting Deficit Thinking in Schools	4.3	Dr. Andrew B. Campbell
B2 What Working with Students Struggling with Addiction Taught Me About Teaching & Reaching All... - Sec/Post-sec	3.7	James Gore
B3 - Accompaniment and Creating a Culture of Collective Efficacy	4.3	Jason Ferris et al
B4 - Establishing a Culture of Feedback in a Hybrid Teaching Model - Elementary	4.2	Stephanie MacKinnon et al
B5 - Authentic Mixed Method Assessment	4.0	Joanne McEachen
B6- A Next Generation Model of Equity, Pedagogy and School Transformation	4.3	Shane Safir
2:45 – 3:45 – Closing Plenary Meeting the Moment with Fearless Inquiry: Using Questions to Design a Relevant, Just...	4.1	Will Richardson Homa Tavangar
DAY 2 9:00 - 10:00 - Plenary 2	4.2	Jennifer Williams

Workshop Name	Average Workshop Score	Presenters
P2 - Teach Boldly: A New Approach for the Future of Education		
10:30 – 11:45 - Workshops - Block C		
C1 - Why Classroom-Based Activity is Critical in the Post-Pandemic Era	4.6	Michael Kuczala
C2 - The Future of Work	4.4	Sheila Watt-Cloutier
C3 - Designing for the Future	3.9	Laura McBain
C4 - In support of cross-disciplinary peer partnerships to foster reflection, pd & support - Sec/Post-sec/Adult	4.1	Andrea Nouvet
C5 - Deep Dive: Post-Pandemic Strategic Design for Schools	3.9	Will Richardson Homa Tavangar
C6 Creating Purpose-Driven Edtech Projects in the K-12 Classroom	4.6	Jennifer Williams
1:00 2:00 - Workshops - Block D		
D1 - Going the Extra Smile - Elementary	4.4	Allison Holmes
D2 - Principal Reconciliation: An Administrator's toolkit to navigate reconciliation activities, indigenous...	4.3	Curran Jacobs
D3 - New Literacies for Leaders	4.1	Laura McBain
D4 - Personalized Learning Network Project	3.7	Gabriel Rshaid
D5 - Teacher-Mentor Program - Adult/Voc	3.8	Claudine Turnbull et al
D6 The Sustainable Classroom: Building for a Better Future with the SDGs	4.3	Jennifer Williams
Closing Plenary - Prepare for Impact	4.1	Rachael Mann

Detailed Comments – Keynote Presentations

Plenary Day 1 **The (Progressive) Schools Our Students Deserve**

Alfie Kohn

Score: 4.5/5

Score	5 (High)	4	3	2	1(Low)
Percentage	64% (132)	27% (56)	6% (13)	1% (3)	0% (0)
Comment in Random order					
Excellent and engaging, lots of food for thought					
Powerful message. Engaging speaker.					
Alfie Kohn has been a big inspiration for me - it was my first time hearing him speak and I was beyond grateful for the experience.					
I understand the point was to get practitioners to reflect on M. Kohn's very black and white perspectives, I fear some of the messages may have been lost because of the very strict black-white boundaries. For example, his stance on absolutely all standardized exams are bad. That may be an appropriate perspective for a state/country that spends two full months at every grade level doing standardized testing. There is little standardized testing in Quebec and the value we place on it is too high. Discussions like these raise the stakes and eliminate the possibility of discussing their place or their importance.					
In an ideal world, Dr. Kohn's vision of instruction would be amazing. In the real world, there are many levels of grey to consider. Studies on the value of homework vary greatly depending on a multitude of scenarios - who the homework is intended for, what does that homework look like, the duration of the homework, etc. Greater nuance would have been appreciated, or perhaps, an opposing point of view. Also, as a math consultant, I am tired of those that use math examples to justify their beliefs, "Which is bigger, 2/7 or 3/17? Who cares?" Really, what about remembering the difference between an adverb or a verb, 1776 and 1867? It is easy to question the value of anything under any circumstances. The problem is that there is a myth among the population that math is for those who know or can. Comments like his don't help the situation. Seems to me that understanding more is always better than understanding less.					
Great talk to set the tone for the conference. Would appreciate some more practical tips and actions in the future.					
Thought provoking					
A very interesting presentation. I enjoyed his frank, challenging statements he presented.					
Wow! A great beginning!					
Definitely important take-aways, but some unrealistic expectations. For example--not giving marks--not possible, so unrealistic to discuss.					

The presentation made me reflect on how much my program already allows me the room and possibilities to think progressively.
This presentation was a fabulous way to kick off the conference. What a privilege to get to see Alfie Kohn and hear his views. Watching the chat light up with passionate educators' comments was a lot of fun as well!
We need to consider how we can change our system more specifically OR how to work within our system with Alfie's ideas.
very inspiring to want to change the way we approach learning
A very interesting perspective.
Wow! Inspirational, if at the very least 1000 teachers leave and promote no homework in elementary schools, the impact will be big!
He had so many valuable points to share and inspired me to want to make a change and be part of groups who are inspiring to do so!
I wonder if his subject matter would be better delivered to a ministry audience. As educators, we already mostly agree with his philosophy, but we are hindered by ministry guidelines and expectations. Change needs to come from the top to have a real impact in our school system in Quebec.
The outdated examples of how our schools "supposedly" teach were unreliable. This I felt was his foundation/focus to what must be changed in our schools and thus led to my tuning out of his arguments for change. Sadly, there were a couple of nuggets that did warrant some reflection and discussion (e.g. homework) but were drowned out by what I felt was an American's point of view on our education system.
Fabulous speaker! He challenged what is being done in education and gave the reasons for it that underlined the need for change.
Absolutely fantastic - inspiring and uplifting!
More Alfie please. He is amazing!
Loved this presentation. Lots of good info that will be reused.
Although there is agreement with certain problematic elements in our education system that Alfie Kohn points out (evaluation/grades, one-size-fits-all, killing the love of learning for children, homework...), trying to overhaul our system in its current state to reflect a progressive one would be not only be radical but an enormous undertaking. It is hoped that an undertaking of this magnitude would not be offloaded onto teachers since they are the frontline workers in our education system. Teachers need the support of an entire system in order to evoke change.
The ideas were very interesting and scary, but important to start taking seriously and implementing.
Excellent!
it was inspiring, but falls flat in action...
Alfie Kohn is always incredible and inspirational. I took away a lot of good information from this session.
Alfie Kohn was fantastic and spoke directly to my values and beliefs. Loved him! He reminds us of the need to move forward with action, not just words!

I was already a fan of his message but was so delighted he was the key note and that his message and philosophy was heard by stakeholders across the province. I do hope this year's LCEEQ creates ripples and waves, leading to changes in how we do things.

A great intro for the conference. A lot of the content made me feel that I am on the right path.

Such a passionate educator!

Great well referenced lecture. As a teacher (in secondary school for 40 years with many generations of teachers), and as a resource teacher, I strongly recommend that the lecture be brought to every secondary school. It may redirect many stake holders, fellow teachers and concerned administrators, by redefining rigor, standards, goals, learning and teaching strategies and "good" learning environment .

Alfie Kohn was my favourite speaker at this year's conference. I simply loved it. I hope that I can view it at a later time

What are the long-term goals we have for our students? How do the actions in the classroom work towards fostering these goals? Alfie Kohn started the reflection process out challenging everyone to look at what we should adopt, adapt, or abandon. He provided ideas to help make our schools more progressive institutions where students play an active role in decisions and the curriculum. He shone the spotlight on traditional practices and why they are not serving our students and guided us towards creating the classroom environments that our students truly deserve.

While I'm surprised that the LCEEQ chose Alfie Kohn as a keynote speaker, I am so thrilled. His philosophy of education exactly mirrors my own, and today's session was a reminder of what I need to get back to in my own class: developing a progressive classroom.

Very engaging, great storyteller

Inspirational. Immediate implications and applications in my own classroom. Discussions surrounding the message were held with colleagues immediately upon return to school.

Interesting thoughts but difficult to integrate into regular High school day to day teaching

I've listened to Alfie Kohn a lot over the years, I've read a couple of his books, but I struggle with seeing the changes he speaks about happening. I work in a school that has tried not to apply consequences to students and pushes a no-homework policy. I'm not sure schools can push forward these no-grade anti-competition doctrines successfully. Students that don't need consequences are ones with strong healthy attachments with their involved parents. Students that do homework with their parents have the value of education reinforced. These students with healthy adult attachments do well on tests and exams. These 'successful' in school students can do well-expressing opinions and have a social intelligence that Malcolm Gladwell references as an entitlement in his book Outliers. When Quebec's education reform removed percentage grading and class averages parents demanded back. During the workshop, teachers mentioned the need to end high-risk standardized testing, but ministry exit exams from high school would only be a small step or "solution." We live in a society that relies on scarcity fuelling capital, be it intellectual, human, social, or economic, I don't think it's even possible to make the shifts Alfie Kohn speaks about. Kohn advocates for simplistic solutions. Our ideological culture embraces competition as a norm and regardless of whether grades impact motivation and rank students the ranking and standardization of learning are not going to just "go away." Everyone is the smartest person they know if they live alone in a vacuum of space.

AMAZING!!

Allie Kohn set the tone for the conference and subsequent workshops. His philosophy is and always has been forward thinking and thought provoking. With his words, my reduced teaching flame from the pandemic was reignited.
Very entertaining. Also, I agree with him 100, so a little bit of confirmation bias.
I took note of the many books he shared. I'm an elementary specialist and completely resonated with Mr Kohn's views. I loved his topic and his passion when talking about it!
Great was very interesting!
Awesome presentation!
I missed this workshop sue to school issue
Very passionate speaker.
Alfie referred to a few videos to support his content- it would have been great if he had shown them.
AMAZING! We want him back next year!!
Amazing and funny presentation
I enjoyed the message but it is one I have heard often. I question the practicality of it as so much of what we must do in elementary and high schools, as well as CEGEPs, is so prescribed by the Ministry of Education. Yes all of what Alfie said was true about the education system but ultimately, how do organizers of the conference envision the next steps moving forward to introduce change at the Ministry level?
Amazing....wish school boards and government could hear
Enjoyed his conference, brought many ideas for thought. Was interesting.
Loved his presentation and I will changing a lot in the future.
Excellent content and delivery style. Engaging. Real. Relatable.
I am not sure that the speaker was familiar with our curriculum. I found that he promoted some ideas that are counter to what we are trying to promote. He was lively and engaging however I think his approach was idealistic and may have left some participants frustrated with our reality.
What a passionate keynote speaker
We are aware of WHAT schools need to be like but bridging the what and the how when there are so many barriers in our system is such a challenge and it makes us feel like we are not doing enough.
Even though it was a Key Speaker, I think it would have been great to allow for more discussion and interaction. It felt a lot like a lecture, and an engaging discussion (particularly given the subject matter) would have been more valuable.
Brilliant as always. Alfie succeeded in setting the tone for the conference. As a bit of a side-note: I wonder...would it be worth stressing to participants just how essential the opening plenary is to the spirit of the conference? Moreover, perhaps it's worth highlighting that the speakers are planned in such a way to build upon one another? I believe sharing the "formula" with participants may help in terms of how they engage with the conference and may have an overall stronger effect.
Alfie Kohn is always interesting.
This presentation was thought-provoking. Same old issues but we should not stop revisiting them until we fix them!
So wonderful, very inspiring I felt Mr. Kohn's talk really points to a shift in thinking regarding "how we educate" and "why practice in a particular way". I have never heard Mr. Kohn present before, and I did not anticipate all of the introspection his talk would evoke.

Powerful start!
No research shows that homework in elementary not beneficial (The homework myth)
I was already familiar with quite a few of the points made by Alfie Kohn and recognized the value of his content. I just didn't feel it was as innovative as it could have been for a conference opener.
I learned a lot about the importance of intrinsic education
Great presentation. I left with a lot to think about .
Alfie's talk was interesting and timely!
Amazing speaker, so inspiring! Makes me rethink my teaching and identify the long-term goals our department must come up with for our Nursing students.
Working within a political reality
Loved this presentation!!!
This was a very powerful and interesting session to start off the two days of PD. It really set the tone for being "reflective practitioners".
Excellent workshop, highlighting changes I would love to see in how assessment happens at all levels
This keynote workshop was outstanding. I had really been looking forward to hearing Alfie Kohn, having read some of his work when I was a student at McGill. He did not disappoint!
Thought provoking and love the re-thinking of evaluation, etc.
I appreciated real world examples of how educators can infuse these ideas tomorrow in their practice. I am especially interested in the ideas around taking classroom meetings to the next level. Inspiring - thank you Alfie
Alfie Kohn always says feel good stuff that make educators feel validated. His message hasn't changed in 25 years, though. There are more relevant speakers - I would have LOVED to see Dr. Andrew Campbell as the plenary speaker. His message is relevant, current, and comes from a place of diversity and curiosity.
Amazing!
Excellent.
I really enjoyed Mr. Kohn's presentation.
Refreshing and vivid presentation
This was so inspiring, I can't wait to bring it back to my school and share with my colleagues.
Alfie Kohn may have been relevant in his day, but his day is over. At a time when educators are under duress from the pandemic and public opinion, Kohn had little to offer except stale critiques of the System as though it was some sort of antiquated machine. We have been adapting educational practices since I was in school (80s). We use a variety of strategies in the classroom, including the test and exam format that students need to graduate. Historically, this conference has always celebrated innovative practice across the province, and I am really sad to see that this opening speaker thinks so little of the audience he is speaking to. Especially when I think of how hard we are working towards incorporating evidence-based practice and increasing opportunities for student voice, this came as a real slap in the face. It's too bad because most years, you have selected wonderful speakers to begin the conference.
So inspiring!
A wish of many years fulfilled.
I look forward to reading his books. He spoke with great affection.

Amazing & Inspirational! The society is changing but school does not evolve as quickly. The clientele changes over the decade. As educator we need to think how to adapt.
Mr. Kohn was an excellent speaker. I loved his presentation and will be looking at more of his research/books. What he said about competitions made me really evaluate some of my thinking.
The presentation wasn't in my center of interest.
An excellent presenter
11/10
This was a fantastic opening! It really set the tone for the next two days. I took notes furiously of points I wanted to use again with my staff.
Wow!!! Really THE workshop of the conference!
This was wonderful and inspiring. It touched on my personal thoughts as well.
I have always appreciated Alfie Kohn's ideas and how real he is about those "tough" subjects. This was the first time that I had heard him speak (instead of reading his books and articles). I thoroughly appreciated how he framed our thinking for the conference. I left the session considering those "long-term goals for my students" and grew them over the 2-days.
Was one of my favorite workshops of the 2 days.
I wish all my colleagues could have heard Alfie speak. Such great important ideas about effective and progressive education.
This was an enjoyable session. I appreciated the opportunity to hear him speak. Would have liked to hear more about the teachers' voices and how other have put ideas into place.
Great clarity of thought.
It was a very inspiring to listen to speaker.
It was so inspiring!
Very interesting presenter with perspectives that are very different than mine. It made me question a lot of my practices.
Informative and good info
Very interesting and dynamic speaker. Took away many ideas that I would love to implement in my school.
He puts it very simply- our system is not working and here is how we can start fixing it.
An inspiring speaker! Thoroughly enjoyed it.

Closing Plenary Day 1

Meeting the Moment with Fearless Inquiry: Using Questions to Design a Relevant, Just...)

Will Richardson & Homa Tavangar

Score: 4.1/5

Score	5 (High)	4	3	2	1 (Low)
Percentage	28% (48)	54% (94)	16% (27)	2% (4)	1% (1)

Questioning in education is my forte so I enjoyed this workshop!

Grounding perspective on the future of education.

My favorite session! Pandemic as portal! All about perspective

Just as Will and Homa said it would be, this session was extremely thought-provoking.

The conversational design of their presentation was welcoming and engaging. Excellent job at winding things up for the day. It truly felt like a perfectly guided reflection after a big day of thinking.

I kept losing my internet signal and missed most of the workshop.

Both presenters demonstrated remarkable mastery of their content and put out many provocative questions for reflection. It seemed at times, however, that they may have overestimated the participants' interest or willingness to answer questions put before them, as sometimes their requests for feedback were met with silence. I'm not sure this meant everyone was in agreement with the points made in the presentation or simply less compelled to react online. I was curious as to the reason for the occasional silence spots in this conversation between workshop presenters and participants.

We push students towards one type of success at my school: University. We're failing at that, I wish success was not dictated by the dominant culture.

Always a pleasure listening to Will and Homa.

I look forward to revisiting the questions and exploring the new ones.

Interesting, dynamic, informative

Such a vast topic.

Loved their references to islands of sanity and education for humanity!

This was a thoughtful, well-presented session and I have already investigated their work for my role.

Very good

Thank you for bringing them to this conference. They are an impressive team!

I felt that this presentation was interesting, but was saddened that the research didn't reflect our realities in the province of Quebec. I thought that at this level of educational forum, the content presented should be more focused.

I attended this workshop but did not feel I got much out of it.

I attended the LCEEQ virtual workshop in the Fall with my school board. There was quite a bit of overlap.

Visual a little busy.

This is not the first time I have heard these presenters. I find them to be patronizing, self-serving in selling their materials, and very short on substantive content.

I have attended three workshops and they are always amazing. Please bring them back.

It was good to have this more dynamic presentation at the end. The two authors were presenting their ideas back and forth. The visuals help as well. The 11 ideas are food for thought.

This hit home for me because I see so many 'educated' people with one track minds and only seeing the half picture when formulating their views and values. This needs to be a must globally.

They were positive and excited about their work. I like how they collaborated on the different parts of the presentations.

Good presentation. Lots of good info, makes you reflect.

Loved the idea of moving through the portal, leaving the tough 2 years behind and planning and preparing for a new normal.

Questions are so important.

I was disappointed that it was not live.

I appreciate these ideas and courage and depth they inspire. I look forward to these conversations with my colleagues and their students in the coming weeks and months.

I had already attended a session with them that was very similar.

A hope-based message to look at the pandemic as a portal, whereas we enter we re-evaluate what is working and what should be left behind. Seeing this as a chance to re-imagine and re-create the education system. Schools are important institutions, yet the traditional model is not affective

I'm hoping to embark on a book study with my IST team on the 9 (11) Big Questions. The pandemic is a portal. What do we leave behind? What do we take with us? I left this session feeling more empowered than ever that now is the time - and if we don't act, we will quickly fall back to old ways of doing. It's now or never and we must DO something to make changes - as a united front across the province. This conversation cannot stop here.

i have seen this presentation before.

Similar to what I've already read and seen with them.

Useful resources.

I will keep in mind a few citations. Namely: "The pandemic is a portal, what is worth fighting for, and what should we leave behind?" and "Crisis is a danger AND an opportunity". I can't wait to read about the 11 BIG questions...

I've seen this workshop before

Very interesting ideas. However, the presentation was a bit too fast. I didn't have enough time to read each slide, let alone take notes.

I was happy to see that this presentation was modified since seeing it at our board. The tone was better, and perhaps the questions were provocative, but since there are no answers, the feeling I left with was dismal (again... second time these speakers have left me with nothing concrete). It doesn't take much to ask questions and walk away. People are looking for help to keep going when the road moving forward is unclear. It would have been better to get Tracy Vallaincourt and have her present her research (Canadian and relevant).

Not even live? For the several times that these two have been hired by LCEEQ - you think the Will would have a bit more overall knowledge of the curriculum or at least tailor the presentation to Quebec educators ...

Excellent!

This presentation left me want but I'm not sure of what

Asking Big Questions is important. Sadly, the presentation did not lead me down a path that I feel will contribute to my team and I working on such questions.

Wow! The knowledge and experience from these two speakers! I was impressed. I hope more teachers embark on the global citizen train!

lots of talk that we've heard for centuries, but still there is nothing actionable which is discouraging

I found that the workshop lacked a certain direction and concrete applications.

A good summary

I believe it was the same webinar as last year which I found unfortunate.

Great presentation,

False promises, religious connotations, hope flaunting, liberal discourses that lead nowhere except to satisfy old teacher's anxieties by telling educators that they are doing a good job and should look forward to the changes. Utter rubbish. This is mindfulness on Prozac.

It's a shame that we only had an hour with these two.

A little overwhelming as there was a lot of great information but more time was needed to be able to ask questions.

Ground-swell movements can only be impactful if enough individuals come together as one, but just as important, if the leadership above does the same. We are all important in this process and need to push in the same direction. A few questions arise: Teachers have heard the message and appear to agree, does our leadership? Who do they choose to be? The English community is small compared to the French community, should greater exchanges between the two groups be fostered to increase the size of the movement and maximise its impact?

It was ok but I felt this choice for reimagining education was limited. Why are we not reaching out to Indigenous communities to guide conversations around education in Canada? That was the feeling I had throughout the presentation.

We had a workshop with Will & Homa recently, so this was more of a refresher for us

This was a great ending to the day. I was left looking forward to coming back a second day.

Plenary Day 2 Teach Boldly: A New Approach for the Future of Education

Dr. Jennifer Williams

Score: 4.2/5

Score	5 (High)	4	3	2	1 (Low)
Percentage	37% (76)	48% (98)	12% (24)	3% (7)	0% (1)

I liked the practical notion of her presentation.

I was so impressed with what Dr. Williams' work. Global connectedness opens up so many opportunities.

Left with more questions...

The presentation was too focused on how she came about crating her organization.

Asset based community development (ABCD) instead of focusing on deficits and needs - all have gifts and something to contribute (love this approach and attitude)

Interesting.

Nice presentation with visuals to support. I will keep looking for her 6 weeks project!

Well presented, useful topic

Very well done and meaningful

Interesting presentation, it would have been nice to see more connections to classroom activities/ lessons

It was excellent way to start the day.

Very inspirational, really tapped into the power of the educator.

Again, this kind of proto-religious, missionary in Africa, USAid colonizing discourse is antiquated. Her website is more interesting than her talk. We have seen what missionaries have done in the indigenous community, so be careful what you preach and what you are planning with your preaching to millions of educators worldwide with your ethnocentric discourses. When she stuck to Florida it was very relevant but the moment it became the empire I lost interest. Local would have been a better substitute. What is the matter with the LCEEQ with their colonized mentality of getting so many Americans to talk in the colony at our educational institutions..

This information was certainly presented well and is relevant and important. But since I am no longer in the classroom, I did not have as many takeaways as the ideas and suggestions are a bit further removed from my role.

This was a shockingly non-reflective and one-dimensional presentation that had no place in this conference. The primary researcher displayed a shocking lack of cultural sensitivity and diversity of needs in the communities that she worked in. Dr. Williams' sheer ignorance reeked of white privilege and a colonial outlook of what education 'should' be like in different communities within the countries that the project was implemented in. I am disappointed in the choice of this speaker for a conference that kept "the reflective practitioner" as its theme.

A nice lead in to the afternoon session.

I left Jennifer's session feeling very bold! Last year, my consultant colleague and I had engaged our Science teachers in discussion about the SDGs and how we can use them to drive change. We felt very innovative! The work that Jennifer has been doing is admirable and inspirational. This was a great learning session.

Very interesting presentation and I took away many ideas to implement in my own school.

Interesting and engaging. I appreciated the topic.

Lots of fascinating information.

I was not engaged by this presentation.

Heartwarming and inspirational. Concretely...not sure of the long-term impact. How many people will step outside of their day-to-day actions to find the passion that will motivate them to act? Reality always claws its way back.

Wow - great workshop and very interesting projects - fabulous to hear what is happening internationally! Excellent links to OECD

Really enjoyed learning about Dr. Williams international work - listening to the impact she's had was truly inspirational. I shared several of the resources she made available to us with several colleagues and friends of mine.

Excellent!

A very positive and optimistic speaker. I love that she incorporates the UN sustainable goals. Her Climate Action Project sounds amazing. I was very motivated.

She provided us with a ton of resources that we could use in the classroom tomorrow and provided a shift in our thinking about what teaching, and learning should look like as we go forward so that students have skills that they need in today's world.

I enjoyed the stories and how they brought the world together in the classrooms with different goals in mind.

Just wow! I can't wait to see how I could incorporate this into my PE classes at the CEGEP level.

Enjoyed

A wonderful presentation, great initiatives!!

Interesting and inspiring

Another brilliant researcher, sharing her enthusiasm and enlightenment in plain language. It was a pleasure to listen to Dr. Williams and marvel at her command of the burning issues in education. I would definitely choose future workshops with her name on the marquee.

Perfect title for the amazing content.

This was a nice way to begin the second day. I know that some of my colleagues didn't like it, but I think it's important to provide a balance of best practices from various points in a teacher's career. We are losing the sense for this every year; less teachers are involved in the presentation roster.

super dynamic and interactive presenter

Interesting content.

Good workshop

The speaker was very condescending in how she talked about her colleagues and school systems in other countries. She came across as very naive (why did it not occur to her until so late in the process that the resources should exist in languages other than English?) If the conference was trying to highlight global initiatives, I wish we could have heard from people who come from and are based in

some of the countries she mentioned, rather than a white American woman who was not particularly well-informed about these places.

Really good ideas.

The workshop was inspirational and interesting, but I didn't feel like I got anything practical I could use.

Inspiring. Dr. Williams was a highlight for me this year. I hope to be able to work on one of her projects in the future.

Fantastic "Goals Project", Social Development Goals, very useful resources (UNESCO). Not as engaging as some other presenters for me, but knowledgeable and informative nonetheless.

I felt this presentation could have been 20 minutes with the same impact. A few really important reminders/takeaways. However, many of the examples were geared to elementary.

Unfortunately, I missed this presentation due to situations in school

Wow. WOW. Just wow. And another wow. Dr Jennifer was better than any cup of tea or coffee! Her passion just rolls off her tongue!! WOW!!!!!!

Very interesting and I am using a lot of her suggestions already.

Interesting and well-presented.

A perfect follow-up to Day 1. Theory of change, how to take action, small acts count and can be quite big...These takeaways felt doable, which is essential.

Was disappointed that the first 45 minutes were a pre recording.. Q& A was too short.. some questions could have been answered in the chat if it had been live.

Again, very inspiring. The stories added a sense that, of course, this can work, see! The resource list at the end that included apps, contacts, booklists, lessons, and opportunities to join the projects are very helpful in taking that first step. Thank you to Dr. Williams and LCEEQ for the experience.

I was hoping to learn more from Dr. Williams about HOW to teach boldly and implement that in practice, until I realized I was in her session that followed! She dove into the "how" in the 10:30 session.

Very well articulated.

I am in awe of anyone who started at the beginning of teaching with the SDGs. I began years ago, and it's woven into several aspects of my curriculum each year. To have heard firsthand from one of its initiators was a real treat for me.

It was an interesting session, but it did not seem to have much relevance to my own context in higher education.

I found this wasn't relevant to teaching in Quebec, in Canada. I'd rather have seen someone like Andrew Campbell or Curran Jacobs or Michael Kuczala as a plenary speaker.

Loved the inspiring stories from around the world!

The workshop was interesting, but I got the main ideas from previous interventions at LCEEQ

I wish more teachers would get into these sustainable goals projects

This workshop made me want to go back to the classroom and initiate some projects!

Didn't maintain a high-level of interest

This was a very good presentation. I didn't find much here to apply to my work with students tomorrow, but I did enjoy the stories.

Interesting thoughts but difficult to integrate into regular High School day to day teaching

Very interesting session. I've discovered new tools and new ways of engaging my students in big projects.

Good but not particularly memorable

This talk was inspiring.

Loved her stories and the different initiatives.

I spent the day with Dr. Williams. It was rewarding to see the same thing from a few perspectives, I feel like I gained an understanding of her work.

First time I heard about SDGs. I will definitely explore and see what I can do with Nursing students linked to them. How can we change the students' mindset to help them realise that school is an opportunity? Lots to think about.

Took some of her ideas to implement

The importance of global connection and how interconnected our world is. Jenifer provided ideas to take action and design with her theories of change. She provided resources and lots of food for thought about how to bring real world issues into our classrooms.

Closing Plenary Day 2 Prepare for Impact

Rachael Mann

Score: 4.1/5

Score	5 (High)	4	3	2	1 (Low)
Percentage	37% (68)	44% (82)	15% (27)	3% (6)	1% (2)
Comments List					
Great and rejuvenating!					
I am still processing all of the information! What a fantastic ending to two days of thought-provoking workshops.					
This speaker is amazing!					
The best workshop!!					
So many thought-provoking and engaging tidbits - I feel as though each little topic could easily be a whole lecture unto itself.					
An engaging topic, chat was lively					
Good ending to the convention.					
A lot of info and lots going on in the chat.					
A bit overwhelming but interesting					
She offered quality but jammed packed with so much it was difficult at the end of the day to absorb it all. Would need to unpack it in smaller chunks.					
Great reflection on where we are and where we are going					
Fascinating.					

Rachael was magically engaging, I really liked how she would encourage the listeners to write into the comments thoughts and stories relating to her topics. It was an interesting way for her to keep us engaged and connected to her recording. With Rachael in the audience as well, I'm sure she appreciated seeing our interactions.
I liked this speaker - and I really appreciated her pointing out that we have to stop bashing the profession of education.
She was an engaging and vibrant speaker. In terms of content (perhaps I was just too tired at this point) but it felt a bit disjointed to me. Honestly, this really might just have been me. I'm told that her morning session was insane!! (In a good way!) It seems that if I had attended her first session, the closing would have made more sense to me. Again, it may just have been that I was having trouble remaining engaged - an interactive session might have helped me integrate the message better.
While the ideas in this presentation were interesting, they did not reflect the availability of resources in my school. The presentation was not helpful to me in a practical way.
Informative, sobering and very engaging. A lot of food for thought here for sure.
The whole conference was interesting, well-planned, and executed extremely well, in spite of being online. Although I missed the in-person dynamic exchange, it was still a great opportunity to learn with like-minded educators. Thank you, as always, for hosting a great event
In a lot of ways, I actually found this more useful than the breakout session of hers I attended.
Where we were, where we are now and where we need to go to give the students the tools they need to be a citizen in today's world.
A lot of food for thought
Great message and some good messages. Virtual fatigue made it harder to stay engaged in this session.
There were some interesting topics, but there was a lack of critical thinking in that session that negated some of the more progressive ideas we heard in the other sessions. The session appeared to be more of a collection of topics that were aggregated by an AI and presented in a disconnected fashion.
"We are living today in the best world to be alive!!" R. Mann Usable take away: Stay interviews help to humanise the relationship between teachers and students.
Good closure to the conference.
It was a bit too quick, but such is technology. Great presentation.
Interesting ideas about technology and how the generations of students view and use technology. Rich discussion in the forum and lots of food for thought as we head towards an innovative future world.
Very informative! I did find the pace a little too fast for my learning style, though.
Very thought provoking
TOO Much info and felt repetitive from the earlier session I attended, but she is great!!!
When considering online learning, virtual reality would probably stimulate students' curiosity more than the current use of devices and tablets.
Great session - her work as a futurist in education is particularly fascinating to me!
LOVE this presentation. Great presentation, lots of takeaways, lots to think about.
too much information presented too quickly unable to digest her presentation would have been better suited to a half or full day

Great note to end on!
absolutely loved this speaker-uplifting and positive outlook on future of education
So many ideas!!! And keeping in mind that we do have an impact on our student's learning and future!
A little overwhelming as the presentation was jam packed with information but would love to hear this presenter again.
Appreciated the overview but would have liked more depth
great way to wrap-up the conference
This talk was a bit of a disappointment for the closing speaker at LCEEQ. The talk was content overload, although the themes were very relevant to education today, the topic was too broad, and as a result lost any "Impact" it might have. The editing to save time (I am assuming) was really distracting and just added to the muddle of information being spit fired out. It was all very odd, and I felt that it didn't really conclude the event very well. Also, the recording of presentation...but the chat in real time was distracting, it didn't add to the presentation.
For the closing speaker, not even to be a live presentation. Boring and much of the same as any of the other presentations.
Not a dynamic end to the conference....drier and some points not realistic to the reality of the schools I teach in.....low income
Thought-provoking and interesting; however, many of the comments & suggestions (also true of other presenters) focus on decisions made at the Ministry level, that are almost impossible for us to circumvent without serious pushback from parents/admin/upper management. Moreover, initiatives in the right direction made by the Ministry do not always "take" - part of the reform was to eliminate grade levels in lieu of two-year cycles, develop competencies rather than grades, encourage cooperative learning by no longer placing students in rows, and offer real-life situational problems into the curriculum to create relevancy. However, a few decades later, many schools and teachers have defaulted to grades, rows, exams, similar to the 19th century. Converting to digital learning does not seem to have made a difference in the basic attitudes of all concerned (teachers, parents, kids).
Loved the virtual presentation and the Q& A.
I enjoyed her presentation and the preparation that went into it. Her glimpse into the future was incredible!
Rachel Mann is beautiful, well spoken and has a great deal of knowledge. I've read her articles and appreciate her opinions and ideas. I felt, however that she was reading a script and her talk was more robotic than personal as though she was talking at me as opposed to talking to me. I am sure that an in-person conference would have felt more natural.
Great way to end the workshops. She had me assess my own teaching and think about creating a shift.
This was my favorite session to date! Rachael gave me a lot to think about, both as an educator and a parent, but also about our world today and tomorrow. This is the one session that I am excited to re-watch when the recording becomes available because I feel like there was so much presented - so much richness and depth to the ideas, that I didn't have time to take it all in. The chat pop-up was also a little distracting. I was trying to open all the links everyone was sharing, too, so I missed some of what was said. Is there a way to share the chat after a session?! I felt like so many of us were fired up and excited about the topic. I am also very excited to exchange ideas with our techno-pedagogical consultant (who also attended Rachael's session).

Rachel reiterated the idea that we should never let a crisis go to waste. It's now or never to make a change!
A lot of overlap with her other session
Interesting summation. Lots to consider. Appreciated that the slides were shared.
Excellent!
Presenters need to gage the speed of their talk when it is recorded. Talking way too fast.
Very interesting presentation. Although I believe that technology is important, I think physical activity is even more important. We need an even balance of both.
Rachel Mann - a good choice to close this most successful event. Lots of chat is in the box. The talk was very inspirational and was able to spark on several points a rather vigorous spat of comments.
It was interesting to see how things might look in the future and really think about what it is we need to leave behind as we enter the new world.
I liked her positive outlook.
Ms. Mann made me feel that there are ways to brace for the impact. Great presentation.
I am grateful for the opportunity to watch the recording, which has not happened yet, unfortunately.
It was a very intense session, and a lot of the information was lost on me. Could be reviewed with some attention to more personal relevant professional issues.
Very interesting presentation. Likely the highlight of the conference for me. I went into education because schooling provided me with social mobility. I see a growing division between privileged youth that engage and reach for enlightenment with a wealth of knowledge at their fingertips, while students from lower socio-economic families have devices thrown into their hands and rampant addiction and disengagement.
Wow! Overwhelming in a good way! Great energy and presence- left with a lot of thoughts on how we can adapt as educators. Thank you for asking us to add into the chat and then responding to us :) Great interaction!
interesting ideas.
The fast pace of the edited presentation and the constant interruption of conversations in chat made it challenging to take in what the presenter was saying. It is too bad, because it is an important topic. The live question session at the end was much better.
Great!
Nothing new.
This talk felt too full of buzzwords for there to be much real content worth hanging onto. I also felt that a lot of the comments made about young people and digital technology were too general and simplistic. I was glad that the speaker participated in the chat, where some of her comments seemed more nuanced than what came across in her talk.
I have said all I want to say about the ridiculous, imperialist lecture by this hack. Trudeau did not get the charter from the UK royals so that we can just flip and become a lackey of the Americans. What are you thinking when you make such decisions at the LCEEQ? Looks like American style tele-marketing. This kind of conference should be about what needs to be done here in Quebec with our own tools and adviser and stop it with the religious hope of a better future crap. The future is now! Agency, praxis, engagement, deal with the real issues - and the English school board has many as far as I can see in the commentaries in the chats. Technology in education is a market driven, corporate

strategy by big Dow Jones companies to privatize the education systems - see what Gates is doing in Africa. In France, this year one man own 74% of all curriculum publications. This is what this kind of propaganda for technological integration is fostering. There is no need for Virtual reality if the reality has major issues that need fixing. Put the money in the right place. Americans want cheap Canadian labour for their tech sector and they are coming here because the training costs them nothing in Canada , it is paid for by the government and they get the same result. Students that work in American companies. Beware teachers there is no future for you. And Baby boomers don't care as long as they get their retirement funds before that happens. The question persists; Why would I want to risk studying to be a teacher if this narrative that technology will take over is maintained. And the salaries are horrible. Teachers deserve better including leadership at the board.

It was an interesting moral-boosting presentation.

Virtual Format Comments

Given that this was LCEEQ's second venture into a virtual Conference, the feedback provided by participants is greatly appreciated.

Love the virtual format. Love the in person more...

Don't edit to save seconds, that time is needed to let participants digest and make sense of the content being presented. Having those seconds edited out makes the presentation feel like one, long, run-on sentence.

Easy access. Loved this format. Thank you

Virtual is never easy, but LCEEQ did a good job of it!

Breakout rooms should have structure or a moderator to move the conversation along.

I love being able to do this workshop virtually. Much less stressful than travelling to Laval for the workshop.

The video quality of recordings was poor and gave me a headache each time!

Great job in the circumstances.

more breakout rooms, interaction within sessions might be valuable

great

Interesting however in person would be awesome.

Excellent format. Loved it!

Nicely done. Some speakers are less impressive virtually.

This conference went very smoothly.

Did not have to drive to Laval in a snowstorm! I did have time to enjoy a bit of cross-country skiing after the last session. Perks of online workshops!

Mostly well done but long to sit through.

I loved the café. Great idea!

I loved the virtual format, it was great how many of the presenters used different ways of connecting and fostering discussions (chat box, nearpod, breakout rooms, etc . . .)

Great job. Not easy!

Would rather in person. Connecting with others has such a bigger impact.

I like the virtual format. I know we sacrifice the collaboration and social time that is needed. I also liked when there would be publisher displays (in the past). I like the social space that was created this year.

As much as I miss seeing people in real life, the virtual format certainly has its benefits. No stress over snowstorms. Friendlier to the environment. The list goes on. Moreover, as mentioned above, the ability to collaborate with others beyond the conference has unlimited potential.

Zoom works. I miss going in person, but Zoom is better than no conference at all.

Loved the virtual format - so accessible!!!

The virtual format has allowed my organization to have more delegates.

It was really well presented and really to online presentations to another level.

We are used to it, but unfortunately not the same...

I enjoyed the virtual format

Was very well organized !

Very well organized. The café was great to network and further discuss ideas and the Kahoot trivia was a fun way to engage and learn. Very well communicated and things were spaced out well.

I miss the in-person vibe (we often made an event of the conference and stayed overnight in Laval, despite our proximity) but, I do LOVE the virtual format. With our hybrid models of working now, I can stay home, sit comfortably, and make coffee in my own kitchen! I am not a school administrator but some of my friends who have told me that they find the online conference format convenient because they can remain available in their school and still attend. Idem for our colleagues attending from a distance within our province. I imagine that the virtual format must also allow for a wider variety of presenters at a lower cost since there is not travel fee to cover. I would be very open, in the future, to attending an in-person event similar to the past, but watching presenters Zoom in on the screen and/or having delegates online and watching presentations live. It could be a mix of both...and a very innovative way to use the technologies we have learned...we have ample PolyX50's now ;-)! The in-person possibility would open up that networking possibility that many of us miss! Was the LCEEQ Cafe well attended? I was curious but too shy.

Very seamless and top quality.

This went well. Bravo. I would avoid taped sessions.

This is a great format for now.

Loved the virtual format. Pacing was great. Speakers were engaging.

I was able to attend LCEEQ because it was virtual (as I have younger children at home so cannot get away over night)

The workshops I attended in meeting format (rather than webinar) were much more engaging and allowed for more direct interactions and participation. I would strongly suggest using that format as much as possible.

I enjoyed the trivia at lunch. I wish I had joined for it yesterday. I was nervous/shy to join the cafe rooms. It could be cool to have additional/alternative rooms with suggested discussion questions ahead of time.

Was very easy to follow...

Things ran very smoothly

Sometimes the focus wasn't great and I ended up with a terrible headache trying to focus and pay attention.

The format works well and the only thing we all miss is time to mingle and chat. I appreciate that there were open chat rooms available to join during breaks, but I am not extroverted enough to just join a random group to spark conversation. I was thinking it would help to have smaller, specific subgroups to join. One idea is to have groups by Board or sector. I know we want to mingle with everyone, especially those we don't see often from other boards, but I also missed not having my own colleagues from my board to unpack some of the ideas with while they were fresh in our minds. It could also be nice to leave rooms open at break based on the session we just had before- to stay in the room and have an open chat across boards and sectors about the content shared, and further our discussions. For someone shy like me, that would be easier, given I have the context of the previous discussion as our common ground to open dialogue.

The virtual format is more inclusive

online conference was excellent--loved how easy it was to use my personal schedule

Good

It flowed extremely well! I really enjoy the recorded sessions with the presenter taking part in the active chat.

I am not a fan of day long conferences online. I am too easily distracted even if the speaker is interesting. There should be movement breaks and maybe even offer an online workout (Yoga, Zumba etc.) to people interested in participating during their lunch hour.

Loved the virtual format! Would be great to have this as an option each year. I found break-out rooms took away from learning from the speaker and the large group. The chats seemed to work as well to hear all participants comments not just the small group we were assigned to

Well organized. I much prefer face-to-face workshops, so I look forward to this in the future.

I loved the virtual format. I have attended LCEEQ for the past few years and this was , by far, my favorite time. I enjoyed being home and it was easier to attend to the information without too many distractions. I also appreciated the reduced cost and reduced environmental impact. I think LCEEQ should continue to be presented virtually!

For an online conference (where in-person caps are not necessary), I would have preferred to have access to all the Zoom links so that I could switch sessions if the one I originally registered for wasn't interesting.

Miss in person interactions

Surprisingly I enjoyed the virtual format but still prefer being in person as I feel more attentive and engaged.

LCEEQ, you did the absolute best you could in a virtual situation. Although I didn't attend the café or play the games, I love that they were offered. You added the fun networking back in, something that's usually missing in a virtual space. While I look forward to a "3D" conference someday soon, kudos to you for making this as successful as it was. Thank you!

sessions need to include breakout rooms and be more participatory

It worked well. Was so happy to be able to participate!

Everything ran very smoothly, but I'm still looking forward to seeing friends and colleagues in person some day!

With the current context, the virtual format was acceptable. I cannot wait for the day that this conference is in person. You cannot replace the value of human contact virtually. Hoping that this conference returns back to in person in the near future.

The virtual format is very convenient and allows for a nice variety of presenters. The platform with the individual schedule, program and all the information is very user friendly and works very well.

Engaging and well organized.

While I miss meeting my peers in person, I have enjoyed not having to be in traffic. :)

I really enjoyed the virtual workshops and meeting different people in breakout rooms. This wouldn't have happened if we were in person.

liked it a lot

I feel that the virtual format went well. Although break-out rooms are fun to have discussions in, I think it is important that the presenter has the opportunity to touch base with many groups (it makes it more personalized). I did miss the in-person effect (seeing colleagues and exchanging over lunch).

I like the format.

LOVED the Zoom format.

Online format was convenient and easily accessible.

All went well ;)

Most conferences were great in terms of virtual format. Due to poor Internet connections or other technological problems, some speakers shared screens that were blurry or lagging at times.

We need "live" presenters not some already presented material to educators in the United States.

Good format. Well managed by the LCEEQ team. Congratulations all around!

LOVED the virtual format. I would definitely attend this conference virtually if offered in this format in the future.

Doing a great job with the virtual format!

Very smoothly run. One suggestion for improvement: leave in the natural pauses in the recorded sessions to give the audience time to absorb what is being said.

Wonderful! Enjoy the online format.

Suggest people shut their cameras so that the lag is decreased. Focus problems of low-quality rebroadcasting.

No issues. Might be preferable to in-person. Easier to fit into schedule.

The virtual format is appreciated, however, will never replace the networking opportunities that present themselves when meeting face-to-face.

Everything was very smooth.

Excellent, I love the trivia and coffee rooms! Great idea! My biggest issue with virtual formats is that you miss out on that networking and interaction, and I felt this was a very good alternative.

Very easy to follow and like the ease of access

I really enjoy the virtual format - it is so well done! One of the best virtual workshops I have ever been to. It is very fluid and I love the music in between sessions.

Excellent!

Much prefer in person... But was impressed at how smoothly it went with online platform.

Very well done - bravo!

Went really well and was smooth! Nice done, tech team!! Excellent work!

I enjoyed the format. The only thing (in hindsight) would be to have access to recordings. Due to this year's pandemic, there were too many teachers out and not enough subs. I wasn't able to attend all of my workshops (unless a replacement was found, or it was lunch/prep).

Not being able to see other participants or to ask questions in real time (relying on the chat) impeded a sense of connection and prohibited meaningful exchange.

The virtual format is ideal and allows for the possibility to be present in the workplace and equally nourish our professional growth.

I really enjoyed talking pedagogy. As a school Principal, I feel that the past two years have been decentralized and that we were asked to do everything except our role (COVID-19 testing, replacing with lack of staff, planning vaccination, etc.). I am looking forward to being able to do my role again and focus on pedagogy.

OK, though some of the pre-recorded sessions were blurry

Everything seemed to work seamlessly!

The online format is very well organized; however I do miss the in-person vibe.

Over my expectations when it comes to the morning webinars. However, there was a lot of glitches during the different zooms with the presenters.

Missed the in-person contact but can completely see the benefits of the online model (not only from a health standpoint). Perhaps more time for break-out discussion in some sessions would help, but the conference was great, and I would attend again (virtually or in-person). THANK YOU!

ZOOM WORKS GOOD

Satisfied

I love virtual conferences. As a single parent I love being able to stay home (not in a hotel), no traffic, eating my own food. I love this option! I was thoroughly impressed with how smooth this conference ran, great job to all those working behind the scenes!

Very smooth presentations and transitions, Keynotes were sometimes blurry, slides hard to read

Had some difficulties signing on Day 1. Lots of 'stand & deliver' - interactivity was missing in many of the sessions I attended.

Great!

Didn't mind it at all!

There are some definite positive points to be made about a Virtual Conference Format with respect to convenience and accessibility, but we also need to resume seeing one another again and being in actual rooms together ... one day!

excellent format!

Although it is always nice to meet other educators in person, the virtual format was extremely well organized, well presented, and went very smoothly. It was lovely to attend from the comfort of my own home, yet still feel connected to others. While I chose not to attend the CAFE, I think it was a wonderful idea to make that option available so that people could continue their dialogue.

Flawless presentation! It was truly amazing!

I really liked the cafe breakout rooms. I'm wondering if there could be "hot topic" rooms animated by someone. These would be offered as an alternative to sessions where people could get together and discuss a topic of particular interest in the community.

Loved it!!

great job to the team!!!

It worked smoothly. Great job! There is an energy factor with getting together and having those smaller conversations that are so valuable. I look forward to being able to meet in person. However, the most has been made during this restrictive period. I am so happy that LCEEQ persevered and continued to offer this very important conference.

Excellent

It ran very smoothly. I'd like the option to drop in on other sessions though. Especially with a virtual format, there is always room for one more.

Excellent

It all worked well for me - I do miss the networking and collaborating though - more of that would be great!

Love the zoom format. You should offer the in person and zoom options.

I love the virtual format. It's the only good that came out of the pandemic. Listening from home, not having to sit in a conference room of a hotel is so much more comfortable.

The virtual format is great, but the presenters need to be more animated.

The breakout rooms (tearoom, latte...) in the cafe weren't as popular as the main meeting room. People tended to stay in the main room.

Having the opportunity to disconnect completely and physically attend a conference would have been great. Given the current circumstances, I felt obliged to participate in the conferences from my school, as there is a staffing shortage. This meant that on several occasions, I was interrupted during a presentation by a staff member or a student in order to deal with a situation. So although the virtual format makes the conferences more accessible, it also means that we are not always able to fully immerse ourselves into the topics and conversation.

Overall, the virtual format of the conference was smooth! I also found the cafe break out session was a great tool for networking! It was a wonderful opportunity to hear what the speakers had to say once their sessions were over.

Impressive job! It was seamless. Kudos to the organizers.

Works well, but I miss seeing people in person

I still feel there needs to be more time built in for conversation - almost breakout rooms after each session to process the workshops and create meaning and understanding.

Given the current climate LCEEQ did a great job with the online format. Having innovative and intriguing speakers that made the online format a lot more enjoyable.

Very smooth.

I'm glad the conference still took place, even if it is virtual. However, I much prefer the in-person experience and interaction.

Please remember to ask presenters to turn on captions when showing a video.

Everything ran very smoothly. I would be open to having LCEEQ online every year; the in-person location is sometimes difficult to get to by public transit, especially in bad weather.

Very well done.

Love virtual conferences. So much better. For coffee shop, would be good to have some discussion topics or random breakout rooms.

I really appreciate the virtual format and the fact that I can now go back and watch again. Although in-person is definitely nice to see everyone, this is extremely convenient when you need to be in 2 places at once or are on a budget.

Excellent use of technology! Very impressive!!

I thought the conference was well organized. It was easy to join sessions and find schedules. Allowing the chat session to be part of the days sessions was great as people connected. I liked the idea of the cafe and wish though that I had time to visit. Probably if present then you would hop down and join and not commit to other things. It was nice seeing names I knew and using different kind of technology. The technology team was fantastic. In the past when I attended sessions in person sometimes it was hard to connect with laptops.

Works well - very streamlined & easier to focus (to stay zoned in). A huge conference hall (although great for socializing) is more distracting.

It was very difficult to balance the school needs and the workshops. Looking forward to being back in person.

I thoroughly enjoyed this format save for my own technical issues on day one. It was great to see so many people involved in all the sessions, and I did not have to fight traffic to and from Laval. When I had teaching or job-related commitments, I could still tune in for other talks during the time I had available.

It was really well organized, which made it easy to navigate to my personal schedule and attend all the sessions in a timely manner without confusion.

I abhor break out rooms I hated that the chat was open during the keynote speakers. Its very distracting and useless. I would like that to be closed in the future...but hopefully we won't be virtual next year!

I registered and selected my sessions in December. I wanted to adjust certain workshops on Sunday evening, but I never figured out how I could do it. In the end, I am satisfied with my choices.

It was difficult to become fully immersed in the content, but this could be my feeling since being an administrator that spends lots of time in ZOOM meetings. Recently I went into "meeting mode" when I participate through a virtual format.

SO MUCH BETTER than the in-person conferences. The crowds, the parking, the lineup for lunch, the traffic at the end of the day, the limit of presenters physically in Montreal - all eliminated!!! I cannot

envison going back. The fact that you added the cafes and rooms to chat & mingle was brilliant, that would be the thing people missed the most about in-person. Please consider using a virtual or hybrid format from now on!

id like to see us getting back to person

I would love sessions where we can workshop with colleagues in a more structured way: breakout rooms where we discuss pointed questions relevant to our fields or the level we teach at.

LCEEQ has done a great job adapting to this new virtual reality and has managed to keep the feel of the conference, but I miss the in-person format.

Due to the virtual format, it is much harder to commit to a workshop. I really hope next year it is back in person.

Job very well done. The LCEEQ team deserves a round of applause for such a quality event!

Great job!

It worked well.

The virtual format was amazing, without any tech issues that I noticed. I sometimes wonder if it's even worth it to go back to in-person conferences. I think the only thing people really miss is the discussion with colleagues after the conference over drinks in the hotel's restaurant. Overall, the format is spectacularly well done.

There was no way to change my selections once they were made. Time for valuable professional development is extremely limited in our profession... as many of the presenters mentioned themselves. If we begin to attend a session and decide that it doesn't meet our needs, we should be able to move to a different session, just like we would in a in-person conference. There should be an open links of Zoom links that we can use, or an option on the registration page to change sessions.

Well done... you make it look easy!

Fine, but not very interactive.

Other Comments

Thank you! (X8)

Thank you for all your hard work and commitment. Another excellent conference!

Thanks so much as always! Perfect timing for some infusion of inspiration and wonder!

On a technical level, having the chat comments in the middle of the screen was very disturbing. As well, some of the slides from the presenters, were small-scripted or blurry.

Just one issue and it's a technical one: Almost all the presentations I attended were not in focus. It was sometimes hard to watch as it strained the eyes etc.. It was mostly whatever was shared from the presenters screen I believe. Some presenters said it was fine to take screenshots of their presentation and use them, but they are out of focus so the quality isn't great to use them later. I'm hoping most will provide their presentations to us after the conference, but some did say they would not be shared but we were welcome to take a picture.

Loved the trivia and cafe rooms. Helped us network a little!

LCEEQ often has plenary speakers with presentations that are flashy and polished but sometimes lack substance. I would love to see a more diverse set of plenary speakers delivering talks that are more specific and well-researched, even if they're less flashy.

All the keynote speakers were from American contexts. It would be nice to have a keynote that is more local and adapted to our educational context.

Thank you for an excellent conference

Thank you! The conference was fantastic, as always!

Thanks for all your work!

Think innovative outside of technology. Stop the well-being hope love aspects because they sound fake. I am not against it but it is token and not applied. Critical pedagogy, Giroux, McLaren etc. At least some of these Americans have good proposals. Enough with solution solving discourses like 6Cs , Fullan, Hargreaves, Marzano inspired corporate neo-liberal systems of education. Move on. There is so much out there to work with and a lot from Canada and Scandinavia. America is uneducated, let them go to the dogs. Why do you want to mimic their corporate systems. This conference was eye opening and shows how much the teachers are at fault for allowing this to continue and how the education of new teachers needs to be transformed to stop this assault on our youth. I can understand why they are leaving.

More Canadian presenters would improve the conference.

Really enjoyed the conference and thank you to all the organizers for the time and hard work.

As a first-year teacher, this conference has equipped me with more tools to help my students in today's society. It was very eye-opening and really made me reflect on my current teaching practices. Thank you!

Thank you so much for a wonderful conference. I feel inspired, hopeful and want to part of the change moving forward.

Thank you so much and look forward to next year!

Excellent!

Improve visual quality of some workshop videos.

Thank you for offering this conference, for finding the amazing presenters, and everything else in-between. I truly love online workshops and LCEEQ 2022 is right up there with the best.

Thank you so much for all your hard work. Congratulations on a huge success!

I really look forward to this conference every year. I usually leave feeling a sense of pride for the kinds of things we are doing across the province. It's a hard time, in so many ways, harder than the first year of pandemic because we are tired in the middle of the fight. Please be kind to our people, they are looking to you to set a tone of hope. Everyone is doing their best to show up and keep going. Bring us inspiration and practical tools. Bring us people who foster hope, not in fluffy ways, but people who know what they are talking about. Eliminating evaluation entirely is not valuable, nor is creating ambiguous, long-winded tools for feedback that isn't specific. There is no reason we can't continue to combine methods so that we are able to measure progress while also easing up on the amount of content required (and I know to some extent that is in the hands of the government). I was really moved by Joanne McEachen and Shane Safir... those are two presentations that I will take with me. While I miss the social component, this was more comfortable and not noisy- maybe as we roll back into in person meetings, this could be offered as a hybrid experience. Live streaming with good moderators is effective and appreciated.

I am inspired to act on my reflections! Thank you for all those involved in a smooth delivery and a focus on inspiring content!

LCEEQ conference seems to put an effort into setting up things in order to ensure a better flow (love this). Unfortunately, I was pulled out of the morning sessions of the first day to work on our Commitment to Success Plan. Therefore, I think this impacted my FLOW and made it difficult for me to be as focused and involved as usual.

Enjoyed it this year! Great speakers overall!

I much and sincerely appreciate having the opportunity to join the Annual LCEEQ Conference. Always top-quality presenters.

Thank you for the hard work involved in putting such a conference together, especially virtually.

I hope that LCEEQ continues the online format in the future, or a use a hybrid format. Like Rachael Mann said, virtual presentations allow for a much more diverse and high-quality set of presentations than what was seen at in-person. What a mind-blowing two days. The presentations were such high quality and densely packed with thought-provoking information to take back to my school. I can't wait to reflect and put them into practice.

Thanks for a thoughtful, engaging, and inspiring 2 days of professional development.

I found that attending 4 sessions a day for 2 days in a row was too much. Perhaps others did not attend all of the sessions but by the end of the second day I was struggling to stay engaged. Thank you for offering so much choice. I like the theme, reflective practitioner.

This has been one of the best and most timely annual conferences that LCEEQ has hosted to date. Thank you so much for all of the hard work and long hours that goes into planning an event of this magnitude. Kudos to you all, and thank you for a high-quality 2-days of professional learning!

Very much enjoyed it and know it takes tremendous work--well done!

We need to also see more conferences geared towards CEGEP and university teachers, we all need the connection, relevance, and training.

As always, thank you for organising such a rich and content diverse conference. I appreciate that LCEEQ has taken up the challenge and created a very professional virtual conference. See you next year!

With so many Quebec educators out there, this was not very local, nor was it very applicable to our system... why aren't more Quebec educators presenting? A lot of the same old same old...

This 2-day conference is a highlight in my year. Thank you so much for gathering several great minds to inspire our own. I so appreciate this organization for the support of leaders, teachers, and other stakeholders. Keep up the great work!!!

I very much enjoyed these conferences and will want to attend again.

Thank you for making the event happen and giving us the time to revisit/reflect where we fit in as educators and the impacts of education with everything going on in society with the pandemic to determine where we fit in.

Thank you all for the time and energy you dedicate to organizing this conference.

It was my first time, and I enjoyed the variety of topics

Great conference! Only wish I could have devoted the time it deserved.

Thank you so much. What an inspiring 2 days.

Your lunches are better than mine! Can't wait to get together again. However, having all these great sessions available to us is a huge plus. I am really looking forward to replaying some and listening to the ones I was unable to attend. A big thank you to LCEEQ for keeping the flame alight.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE ORGANIZERS!!

A great convention. I am happy to have attended it!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! For all that you are doing for us. I loved this conference. I left it feeling energized, and most of all inspired!

Fantastic job, I particularly loved the topics and themes this year. :)

A great conference all round! I learned so much from the outstanding presenters and their workshops and hope to be able to attend again, next year! Hopefully, in person ... ;-)

A very productive and well spent two days!

My only comment is that I wish every teacher could attend. I feel like the theme would have been so useful to so many who were not able to attend.

Thank you for the opportunity to explore with other professionals.

This was an incredibly well-organized conference! Thank you for your commitment to this important annual meeting, even during these challenging times!

Thank you again for organizing such an inspirational opportunity for PD.

Thank you for allowing me to attend the conference! I enjoyed the sessions very much!

Thank you! I feel inspired and motivated. Lots to take away.

Thank you to the LCEEQ organizers for a rich and thought-provoking experience. A special thank you to Dr. Cindy Finn for creating an atmosphere of kindness and curiosity!

This conference was organized, bold, thought-provoking, and 10/10. I am so grateful to have been chosen to attend this year. I have a notebook full of notes and ideas that I can't wait to sort through and present to my colleagues. I feel refreshed and motivated to keep going during yet another very challenging school year. THANK YOU LCEEQ!

Thank you for the opportunity to attend this conference.

Would love to have it back in person. Hopefully soon!

Thanks for your continued efforts!

One of the best conferences I have attended!

It was wonderful thank you to the team that put this all together for us! Much appreciated.

More Canadian presenters please!

Congratulations to all who were involved in putting this together. As someone said in the chat, the presenters were top-notch! I felt privileged to be here over the past two days.

Thank you for a great conference. Looking forward to next year!

The only thing is that the chat could at times be distracting when it was not being used to answer or ask questions but instead have personal conversations.

As usual, a solid conference and I was happy I had the chance to attend after so many years being unable to.

Thank you very much to the organizing committee. This was a thought-provoking conference with an aim to reflect on current practices but more so on the future of education. I thoroughly enjoyed listening to first class thinkers and presenters.

Thank you! I really appreciated hearing from Dr. Andrew Campbell and Curran Jacobs, and I'd love to see more BIPOC presenters - especially as keynote speakers! - in the future.

Amazing PD! Kudos to all involved in making this happen virtually. The line up of speakers and the theme gave participants a lot to reflect on but also filled us with inspiration. The discussions were rich and interesting. So many great speakers, hard to narrow down which ones to attend.

Thanks for a refreshing and thought-provoking two days. It was the best in a while. I do hope, as Cindy said in closing, that we all go forth and do something about this!

In general, I found it all interesting.

I am looking forward to next LCEEQ already.

This was an excellent conference full of wonderful speakers. Thank you!

A great conference as usual. I was totally engaged, and for me, that is saying a lot!

Have you considered sending us uber cards for a meal? Great work to all!

Thank you for giving us the opportunity for feedback.

The best of the 4 years I have attended!

Thank you! A good selection of excellent speakers on important topics. Very much appreciated!

I find that teachers are often "called to change" at professional development like this. It's difficult to be inspired and inspiring ALL the time, especially in a system that seems to be broken and unchangeable.

Enjoyable as well as chock full of information

I'm looking forward to put in action what I have learned

Although there is lots to be said for in person, this online version is quite acceptable--no waste of travel time, no worries about snowstorms and hazardous driving, I could join from anywhere . . .

I dislike the fact that only a few teachers per school are allowed to attend. I think the conference is always great and I think it should be open to as many people as possible.

Great work putting all this together.

I truly appreciate all the work and energy put into this yearly event that was available free of charge to us. THANK YOU

Thank you for a great conference!