

Canadian Centre for Learning | Newsletter – May 2023

Who We Are

Welcome to the inaugural Canadian Centre for Learning (CCL) newsletter! CCL is an inclusive, interdisciplinary, higher learning community that provides opportunities for learners to study and work with experienced and dedicated academics and professionals.

The Canadian Centre for Learning was established online in 2022 by founding members across Canada. CCL focuses on quality higher education that embraces all learners and teachers, and surpasses traditional post-secondary models.

Summer Courses

We are excited to be launching our new courses beginning in July, 2023. These courses will focus on the development of competencies often lacking in traditional higher learning institutions, including critical thinking and problem solving. Through the development of these skills, our mission is to create a new generation of autonomous thinkers and courageous leaders for positive social transformation.

Please visit our <u>website</u> for a list of courses, and keep checking back as more courses will be added!

Teaching & Volunteering

Are you a post-secondary teacher who would like more freedom to discuss certain topics? **OR**, have you never taught before, but feel that you have expert and relevant skills that you want to share with others? **OR**, are you not interested in teaching, but would like to contribute to the future of education in a meaningful and purposeful way?

If any of these sounds like you, or if you are interested in finding out what opportunities exist for you at CCL, please <u>get in touch with us!</u>

Connect. Explore. Inspire

Teaching Truth

It was timely to read a recent article in the Toronto Sun which discussed the belief that universities should be teaching fact, and not fiction. In particular, the authors noted that faculty who value the pursuit of truth now live in fear of losing their jobs. If you'd like to read the full article, you can find it <u>here</u>.

Something has happened to our colleges and universities; a shift that prevents faculty and students from having open and collegial dialogue about certain issues, such as racism. Anyone who challenges the current narrative is met with vicious name calling, student complaints, media attacks and potential job loss. To quote the Sun article "The Canadian university system is badly infected with (a) woke cancer..." At CCL, we not only allow such discussions, but we foster and nurture them. We provide a forum for students and faculty to respectfully debate any and all issues, and we mentor students in the critial evaluation of day-to-day information. If you value the lost arts of truth telling and crital thinking, then CCL just might be the place for you. Take a look at our <u>courses</u> and join us in an unconventional space that fosters collavorative, diaglogic and inquisitive teaching and learning.



S

Some of you may have met us through our attendance at various RefoundEd events. Recently, two of our Directors attended the in-person RefoundEd conference in Toronto, ON. Jennifer and Mark set up a table and hoped that a few people might stop by to learn more about our alternative to traditional post-secondary school.

Jennifer and Mark were pleasantly surprised by the large number of visitors that stopped by their table that day!! It seems that many people are looking towards new and innovative options for higher education, whether for themselves or for their children. It's exciting to be a part of the much needed reform to our education systems!



• CCL provides a learning environment that embraces critical, holistic, open thinking and free expression to facilitate personal and social transformation

Website: www.canadiancentreforlearning.ca



Email: info@canadiancentreforlearning.ca