



ATTEND a Conference.



IN PERSON

or VIRTUALLY

LEARNING IN THE 21ST CENTURY HAS TAKEN ON NEW SHAPES AND FORMS. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CAN HAPPEN 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK FROM ALL CORNERS OF THE GLOBE. IT IS CRITICAL FOR EDUCATORS TO DEVELOP THE SKILLS AND CAPACITIES TO BE ABLE TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE BY CONNECTING, COMMUNICATING AND COLLABORATING VIRTUALLY.

PARTICIPANTS HAVE:

- A DESIRE TO CONNECT WITH OTHER EDUCATORS FROM AROUND THE WORLD AND GROW THEIR PROFESSIONAL LEARNING NETWORK
- AN ABILITY TO USE TECHNOLOGY TOOLS THAT ALLOW FOR SYNCHRONOUS AND ASYNCHRONOUS COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION
- A WISH TO BE PART OF A GROUP OF "PIONEERS" WHO ARE EXPLORING NEW FORMS OF LEARNING
- A DISPOSITION OF BEING A REFLECTIVE PRACTITIONER, NOT AFRAID OF BEING TRANSPARENT
- AN AMBITION OF OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AND "MAKING IT WORK FOR THEM"
- A RESOURCEFULNESS TO OVERCOMING OBSTACLES, SUCH AS TIME ZONES AND GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES
- AN UNDERSTANDING OF HAVING TO EXPERIENCE AND EXPERIMENT WITH GLOBAL CONNECTEDNESS, COLLABORATION AND LEARNING BEFORE YOU CAN BRING THAT EXPERIENCE TO YOUR STUDENTS
- A LOVE OF SHARING
- THE POWER OF ACTING ON THIS CALL TO PARTICIPATE :)

IN PERSON

PARTICIPANTS

VIRTUAL

SHARE OPENLY AND CONNECT YOUR LEARNING EXPERIENCE AT THE CONFERENCE TO A LARGER GLOBAL AUDIENCE BEYOND THE OTHER F2F ATTENDEES

BE TRANSPARENT AND REFLECTIVE IN YOUR OWN LEARNING.

FIND WAYS TO SUMMARIZE, SYNTHESIZE, CURATE AND DOCUMENT IDEAS, LEARNING, PROJECTS, CONCEPTS, ETC.

CHOOSE ONE OR MORE PLATFORMS TO SHARE

MAKE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO INCLUDE AND MAKE THE VIRTUAL ATTENDEES FEEL PART OF A LEARNING COMMUNITY

BECOME A BUDDY/MENTOR TO SOMEONE WHO IS NOT PHYSICALLY ATTENDING.

VOLUNTEER TO A BE THE "ONLINE MODERATOR" OF A BACKCHANNEL DURING A LIVE PRESENTATION/WORKSHOP/ KEYNOTE

APPROACH SOMEONE AT YOUR SCHOOL OR IN YOUR NETWORK, ASK TO EXPERIENCE A CONFERENCE TOGETHER IN NEW FORMS.

IN ORDER FOR LEARNING ACROSS DISTANCES TO BE MADE POSSIBLE, A SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PHYSICAL AND VIRTUAL ATTENDEES HAS TO BE IN PLACE.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE. BLOCK OF A TIME SLOT

FIND A DEDICATED "CONFERENCE

ATTENDANCE" TIME. USE THAT TIME TO READ THROUGH THE TWITTER STREAM/ HASHTAG, NING ACTIVITIES GENERATED THROUGH THE CONFERENCE, RESOURCES BEING SHARED.

ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE VERSUS PASSIVELY CONSUMING INFORMATION. CONTRIBUTE RESOURCES, YOUR OWN PERSPECTIVE, THOUGHTS AND EXPERIENCE.

MAKE STRATEGIC CONNECTIONS WITH PHYSICAL ATTENDEES. CONNECT WITH THEM EVEN BEFOREHAND VIA THE NING, ON TWITTER OR VIA A BLOG. LEAVE A COMMENT, @MENTION SOMEONE IN A TWEET, USE

THE CONFERENCE HASHTAG TO CONNECT YOUR VOICE TO THE CONVERSATION.