

EDC Corner

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In the spring newsletter (#57), I reported that the EDC executive was looking forward to our May planning retreat. I wanted to share the results of that retreat with you and let you know what we're working towards.

One of the first things we discussed was our sense of the values Educational Developers Caucus members bring to the work we do. We expect to have further conversations about these and how they can be integrated into our living plan and we welcome your feedback on these values.

- Open community
- Peer development
- Sharing
- Scholarly approach

One area of focus was the notion of development versus credentialism and what role we see the Educational Developers Caucus taking to support our members' goals in these areas. We also talked about ways of making sure we continue to invite colleagues from the colleges and graduate students to participate in our activities and discussions about these and future directions. We agreed that

- Open entry to the practice is valued
- There are many lines of scholarship
- EDC needs PD offerings to assist those coming from diverse backgrounds
- PD offerings should be flexible in format and delivery
- PD needs to continue to build knowledge and skills at various stages of the ED career
- The SEDA model may be worth emulating or integrating*

**SEDA is a UK agency that credential professional development programmes.*

Out of this discussion, we discussed our interest in future work in two areas:

1. Development of a portfolio model with a list of skills and recommendations of a variety of ways to develop these skills, for example,
 - a. PLAR
 - b. courses/modules
 - c. mentorship
2. Professional identity/defining the profession, including
 - a. ethics statement
 - b. code of practice
 - c. integrity
 - d. philosophy

In both these areas, we want to create a recognized pathway to practice, research existing models and align with appropriate ones, and create discussion papers to be discussed with the membership and beyond.

I also want to once again thank Joy Mighty and Teresa Dawson for their work in making the first EDC Institute such a success. This was a wonderful professional development opportunity for both new and more seasoned developers. Planning has begun: watch for details on the next Institute.

Future EDC Conference Hosts: We plan ahead – if you are interested in hosting the EDC conference in 2013 and beyond, please get in touch with Marla Arbach, our VP conferences. She will provide you with our conference manual to assist you in preparing your submission. In the meantime, looking forward to seeing you in Halifax, February 22-24, 2012!