

Educational Developers Caucus (EDC) EDC Milestones 2011-2012

This year the EDC executive has focused on strategic planning, including simplifying our Living Plan into eight themes: Building Professional Capacity: Developing Job Skills; Building Professional Capacity: A Sustainable Career Path; Engaging our Community; Building Resources; Organizational Development/Facilitating Change; Developing Leadership Skills; Developing Administrative/Management Skills; and Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. These themes guide our actions as an executive and our plan for Professional Development for our membership)(see details at <http://www.stlhe.ca/constituencies/educational-developers-caucus/documents-resources/edc-professional-development-plan/>). We have used those themes as organizers for our annual report.

Building Professional Capacity (both Developing Job Skills and A Sustainable Career Path)

The annual conference on the theme of *Learning from and in Educational Development Practice* was held in Halifax in February, hosted by Lynn Taylor from Dalhousie and Margaret-Anne Bennett from St. Mary's. We learned from the keynote by Nancy Chism on *The Learning of Educational Development Professionals: Planned, Chance, or Both?*, wonderful sessions and pre-conference workshops, and our second annual EDC Institute – with Alice Cassidy and Ruth Rodgers as facilitators.

Engaging our Community

Ongoing special projects that arose out from our discussions are headed by groups working on: a portfolio model for professional development, professional identity, a professional code of ethics, and pathways towards career development. We anticipate starting a peer mentoring programme this year.

Building Resources

We collaborated with STLHE on the creation of a new website and strengthened our social media presence by launching the EDC Facebook page and a Twitter feed. Our listserv has grown to over 400 members. The EDC Resource Review continued to expand, with participation from colleagues in the US and the UK as well as from all over Canada, including students and colleagues in the college sector.

Organizational Development/Facilitating Change

This year the EDC executive, with input from members, finalized our newly created EDC Values: Open Community, Collaboration, Ethical Practice, and Scholarly Approach. (see <http://www.stlhe.ca/constituencies/educational-developers-caucus/edc-values/>).



Developing Leadership Skills and Developing Administrative/Management Skills

In future years, the institute will expand to a multi-day professional development session that will run separately from the conference. Sections will be offered for newcomers as well as for those entering senior positions. Our current surplus will support development of the institute.

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

We congratulated our 2011 EDC grant recipients:

Lori Goff

Supporting the Implementation of the Quality Assurance Framework in Ontario Universities

Gary Hunt, Peter Arthur, Sylvia Currie, Heather Hurren, and Janine Hirtz

SoTL Collaborative

Janice Patterson, Sarah King, and Allyson Skene

Data Scaffolding for Data Novices: A Strategic Approach to Supporting Educational Developers and Faculty in Educational Research Quantitative Analysis

Carol Roderick

Building a Career in Educational Development: The Perspectives of Early-Career Stage Developers

And ...

We moved our AGM to coincide with our annual conference, keeping a GM at the STLHE conference; we amended our by-laws to reflect this change. We held our second annual one day retreat for executive planning purposes.

We are grateful to the EDC Nomination Committee (Alice Cassidy, Carolyn Hoessler, and Kim West) for developing EDC detailed documentation to help future committees. We welcome, as of June 2012, our new executive members: Debra Dawson as Chair, Tim Loblaw as Treasurer, and Paola Borin for a second term as VP, Professional Development.

Nicola Simmons, EDC Chair