

#VAis4Learners Innovation Network

Monthly Cohort Update - October 2020

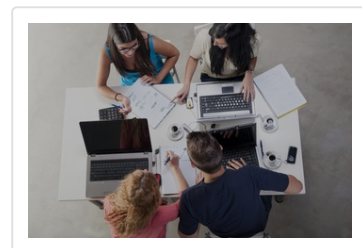


VaLIN 2020 Birds of a Feather Action Teams

The ALP Innovation Coaches were delighted with the energy you brought to the "Birds of a Feather" conversations on October 7th, and we look forward to continuing to support network opportunities and design sessions in support of your collective innovations. Sessions are available November - January and are open to all who are interested. See descriptions below for opportunities to continue the work you started on October 7th and/or join other topics of interest.

Learning Profile

Description: Network with colleagues to share ideas about how to activate the learner voice at various stages of design and implementation of your Learner Profile. Work alongside colleagues who are actively engaged in defining a learner profile, promoting integration, and scaling impact on learning, teaching and leading. Sessions will be designed in a progression that allows for multiple entry points.



Date / Time: 11/12/20 9:00-10:00

Network with colleagues to explore strategies (survey questions, student focus groups, video capture, etc.) to activate the learner voice in **defining the learner profile**.

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Date / Time: 12/3/20 9:00-10:00

Network with colleagues to explore strategies (capstone projects, exhibitions, student ambassadors, etc.) to activate the learner voice in **promoting integration of the learner profile**.

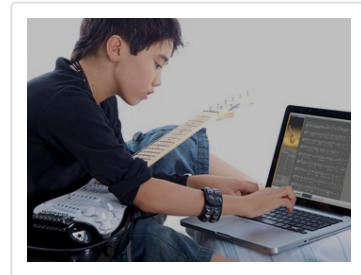
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Date / Time: 1/14/21 9:00-10:00

Network with colleagues to explore strategies (student-led PD, student facilitated board presentations, etc.) to activate the learner voice in **scaling impact of the learner profile on learning, teaching and leading**.

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Student Centered Learning - PBL, PBT, PBA



Description: This flock hatched some great ideas about engaging students in more authentic learning activities centering around problems, projects, and/or performances on October 7th and came up with three areas to explore right away. The overwhelming request was to SHARE! We want to share ideas, share examples, and share feedback with each other. We plan to have a place to share asynchronously (details to follow) as well as an opportunity to learn from each other synchronously on the second Tuesday afternoon of each month. Please feel free to join our roost even if you did not get to participate on October 7th. Please [sign up to receive notifications](#) and to contribute synchronously or asynchronously.

Topic 1: Generating and sharing ideas for PLB, PBT, and PBA, especially for deeper learning and the 5Cs

Date/Time for Synchronous Sharing: Tuesday, November 10 (3:00 - 3:45 PM or a time determined by the group)

Topic 2: Giving students more voice in their own learning

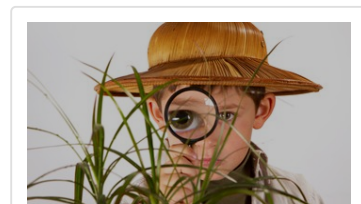
Date/Time for Synchronous Sharing: Tuesday, December 8 (3:00 - 3:45 PM)

Topic 3: Gathering the right evidence to know we are assessing desired learning outcomes

Date/Time for Synchronous Sharing: Tuesday, January 12 (3:00 - 3:45 PM)

Blended and Deeper Learning

We want names!

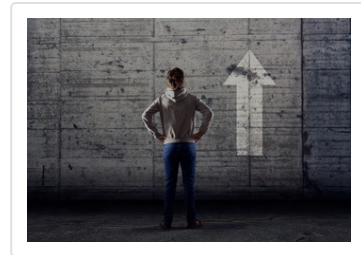


Dean Shareski had the opportunity to meet with a handful of VaLIN leaders and their shared interest around blended learning and engagement strategies. As schools are transitioning back to in-person, no matter what model, blended learning will remain as part of this transition. We would like to host [a series of grade level specific offerings](#) where classroom teachers share those small but mighty strategies where they are seeing students engage and are leading to deeper learning. So if you know one or are a teacher, please send note a quick note to Dean dean@advancedpartnerships.com. He'll reach out to them directly and invite them to be part of these sessions. It's a great way to celebrate, collaborate and learn from our amazing network.

Stay tuned for more information on opportunities to engage.

Scale Innovation

Expand "pockets of innovation" to scale practice across the division.



Date/Time: 11/12/20 12:00-12:40

Is what we are doing worth scaling? Why? What evidence do we have? Join us as we: **Build an Implementation Reflection Lens for Scaling**
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Date/Time: 12/09/20 12:00-12:40

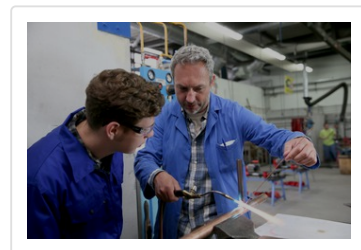
What vehicle is best for scaling our innovation? In this session, we will collaborate around:
Spreading Innovation - Vehicles for Scaling Up & Out
[Click here to save your seat](#) (Bring Your Lunch)

Date/Time: 01/13/20 12:00-12:40

How might the long term plan influence the short term? In our final session share and learn from others: **Successful Small Steps that have Scaled**
[Click here to save your seat](#) (Bring Your Lunch)

Community Connections

Connect with the Community and prepare students for the workforce.



Date/Time: 11/12/20 8:30- 9:00 am

Grab a cup of coffee and join us to exchange ideas on **HOW to make connections** with industry and internship partners.
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Date/ Time: 12/7/20 12:00- 1:00 pm

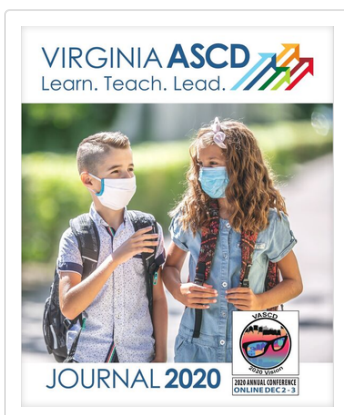
Grab your lunch and join us for a collaborative design session on **aligning K-12 curriculum** and career pathways.

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Date / Time: 01/14/20 8:15- 9:00 am

Sometimes the most important skills are the hardest to measure. Grab a cup of coffee and join us to share ideas on **how to teach, practice, and measure the “soft skills”** of workforce preparedness.

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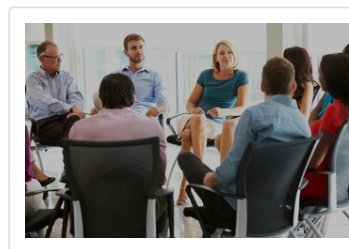


Shout out to CodeRVA Regional HS

If you have not seen it yet, check out [Blending Virtual Learning into Practice](#), a featured article in VASCD Journal. Our colleagues from CodeRVA Regional High School describe how they leveraged what they already knew about blended learning to re-envision how space and time are used to maintain engagement and high-level learning outcomes during remote learning. Congratulations!

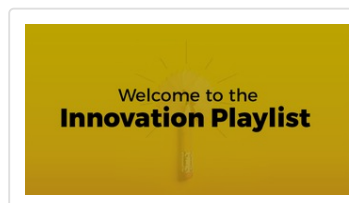
Feature Your Innovations

Does your division have video content of discussions with your community members about the qualities you want to see in your graduates? Would you like that content featured nationally? Please contact [Becky Ellis](#) for details. And please stay tuned...Ted has a new venture brewing!



Free for a Limited Time: Most Likely to Succeed

Ted is making *Most Likely to Succeed* available for streaming for free during the all of this craziness. The free link is available on the [Innovation Playlist](#) and also on [Vimeo](#). If any divisions are interested in planning and implementing an online Community Night discussion using *Most Likely to Succeed* and/or *What Schools Could Be*, reach out to [Becky Ellis](#) for support.



October 7th Feedback

If you have feedback on our October 7th experience together, you can [share that here](#). Thank you!

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