

ELL Collaborative Community ~ Level One



PRESENTED BY

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SERIES SESSIONS

Date	Time
December 03, 2018	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
February 04, 2019	4:30 PM - 6:00 PM



LOCATION

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Program

TARGET AUDIENCE: TEACHERS AND SCHOOL/DISTRICT LEADERS NEW TO SUPPORTING ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

Share and learn about best practices for supporting English Language Learners (ELLs) in the mainstream classroom. Ciara Smith, an ESL Consultant with Elk Island Catholic Schools, will take the lead in our ELL Collaborative Community this year. Join us and work with other Calgary and area educators to deepen your understanding of foundational components to supporting ELLs by exploring:

- second language acquisition principles
- the use of AB ESL Benchmarks to guide teaching practice
- general strategies to support ELLs working at different proficiency levels
- sample lessons that support ELLs in the mainstream class
- celebrate the daily assessment practices that teachers already embed into their classroom practice, as a tool to inform the benchmark process

In addition to two in-person sessions with Ciara Smith, participants will engage in two interactive webinars as part their own going learning. During the interactive webinars, participants will blog to:

- share resources and/or activities discussed in the previous in-person session
- discuss success/'wins' they've experience with implementation
- discuss challenges they've experience with implementation.

The webinars will be moderated by Cora-Leah Schmitt (Christ the Redeemer School District) and Kim Tackaberry.

This Collaborative Community is for classroom teachers as well as ELL Leaders in search of ways to support and engage their students and staff. Participants will come away with a rich set of tools, resources, and learning activities that you can use to target ELL instruction in a manageable way.

This learning opportunity is being offered through curriculum implementation funding from Alberta Education

Presenters

Ciara Smith

has worked as a classroom teacher, an ELL Instructional Coach, and ESL Consultant in her ten years as an educator. During this time, she has taught at both the middle school and high school levels. Ciara completed her M. Ed in 2017 in the area of Educational Leadership with a focus on English Language Learners. After her graduate work, Ciara attained both her certification in TEFL and TEYL to further her understanding of how to better support English Language Learners. Ciara is currently working as an ESL Consultant for Elk Island Catholic School District.

Cora-Leah Schmitt

is currently the Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction. She has worked in various capacities in both rural and urban school divisions including classroom teacher, school administration and several central office positions. Her portfolios over the past several years have always included English Language Learners, an area she is deeply passionate about, and she is excited to be a part of this learning opportunity for teachers!

Kim Tackaberry

is a Designer of Professional Learning with the Calgary Regional Consortium. Her areas of focus include literacy and inclusive education. She is presently continuing her Master of Education Studies at Queen's University, specializing in literacy. Kim's teaching career spans over 30 years, ten as a classroom teacher at Foothills Academy Society, a school specializing in children with Learning Disabilities and ADHD. Kim has designed several e-courses for teachers, titles include *Learning Disabilities* and *Introduction to Literacy and Numeracy Progressions*.



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