

Beyond School Bells

*Nebraska Children and Families
Foundation*

ELO Innovation Invitational

Our Stories Matter

- Telling our stories is important
- Listen to people telling their story
- Stories offer other ways of knowing



What is innovation?

Eliminating bias and
creating opportunity



Ideally, innovation is about making hard, complex, time consuming things easier so that more people have access to opportunity



Curb Cut and Electric Toothbrush

How does this approach to innovation align with your work?

How does this approach to innovation differ from your work?

Talent is abundant,
opportunity is not

Talent is evenly
distributed,
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Fostering Agency and Resiliency

- Mindsets
- Interests
- Skills
- Relationships

Search Institute: Developmental Relationships Framework

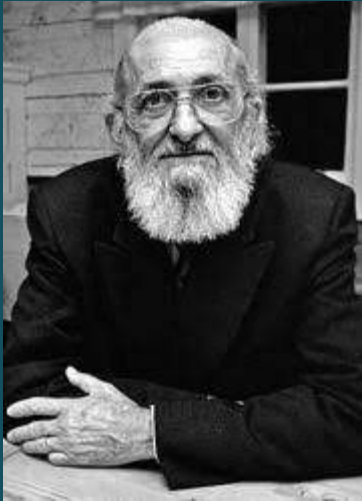


Importance of Communities of Practice

Communities of practice are *systems of collective critical inquiry and reflection* focused on building a shared identity and collective intelligence garnered over time.

<http://connectededucators.org>

Leadership is an inside out endeavor



The challenge is that we are all the inheritors of previous systems of oppression that have shaped our current perceptions of reality.

It is quite difficult to be fully aware of the current moment and our existing “limited-situations” without intentionally noticing and reflecting in order to act in the world for our own liberation.

Paulo Freire

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Requires us to stay engaged in an active inquiry

- What are the assumptions I am carrying into this situation?
- How might I be filling in gaps with my own story?
- What else or who else might I need to consider to have a more complete picture?



Practice active open-mindedness

Awe...

Wonder...

Curiosity...

Play...

