

Cultures of Thinking Fellows Program



PRESENTED BY

Dr. Ron Ritchhart



SERIES SESSIONS

Date	Time
February 14, 2024	1:00 PM - 3:30 PM
March 13, 2024	1:00 PM - 3:30 PM
April 09, 2024	1:00 PM - 3:30 PM
May 07, 2024	1:00 PM - 3:30 PM



LOCATION

Zoom Online Meeting - Zoom

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\$100.00

QUESTIONS?

Contact Us:

403-381-5580

REGISTER ONLINE

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Program

The learning opportunity is intended to provide individual educators, as well as cohorts of educators with an opportunity to explore the development of cultures of thinking in their schools and classrooms.

Ideally, participants (Fellows) attend as a cohort along with their school principal (or other instructional leader(s)) in teams of 3-7.

Where there are single teachers, we intend to leverage the breakout room during sessions to build virtual cohorts and encourage communication between those cohorts in the time between the four scheduled sessions.

Over the course of the four sessions, Cultures of Thinking (CoT) Fellows dive deeply into the pedagogical framework and instructional strategies of Cultures of Thinking and Visible Thinking, experimenting in their classrooms and reflecting with the learning cohort (in their school/division or virtual).

The CoT Fellows act as a support group to both support and push one another's understanding of what it means to create a culture of thinking at their school (or in their class).

CoT Fellows engage in ongoing inquiry to develop ideas in their own classrooms by designing interventions, collecting data and documentation, reflecting, and iterating.

Following the four scheduled sessions, we intend to schedule a one-hour sharing - showcase session after school toward the end of May, allowing participants (CoT Fellows) to showcase their inquiry work and leadership through digital pictures of practice.

Participants are encouraged to acquire a copy, ebook or print, of Dr. Ron Ritchhart's most recent book, "Cultures of Thinking in Action" released this past June.

This experience will be a great help in developing visible thinking classrooms and confidence for educators in establishing a culture of thinking in your class, and where there are cohorts participating across your school.

Presenters

Dr. Ron Ritchhart



Ron Ritchhart is a world-renowned educator, researcher, and author. For over 25 years, Ron served as a Senior Research Associate and Principal Investigator at Project Zero at the Harvard Graduate School of Education where his research focused on understanding how to develop, nurture, and sustain thoughtful learning environments for both students and teachers. Ron's interest in creating ***cultures of thinking*** has led him to conduct research in such areas as intellectual character, mindfulness, thinking dispositions, teaching for understanding, creativity in teaching, how

teachers' beliefs and values shape their practice and the development of communities of practice. Ron believes that teaching is a complex art and science that must be understood in context. Consequently, a strong theme of learning from best practice runs throughout all of Ron's research and writing.

This past June Dr. Ritchhart released his last book, ***Cultures of Thinking in Action 10 Mindsets to Transform our Teaching and Students' Learning***.

After leaving Harvard in 2021, Ron has continued his classroom and school-based research and writing to further the ideas of visible thinking and the creation of schools as cultures of thinking.

Ron is a sought-after speaker for his ability to connect with and engage fellow educators in these powerful, big-picture ideas, while simultaneously providing useful insights into and practical ideas for advancing the complex world of teaching and learning. This is no doubt due to Ron's diverse experience, which includes teaching elementary school, art, and secondary mathematics. Upon Ron's retirement, Howard Gardner commented, "Of all of us at Harvard Project Zero, you have had the most influence on what teachers around the world do in their classrooms and how to talk and think about it."

Ron's ability to seamlessly merge theory, research, practice, and application together in a highly accessible and engaging manner has made him a best-selling author of numerous books including *Intellectual Character*, *Making Thinking Visible*, *Creating Cultures of Thinking*, and his latest, *The Power of Making Thinking Visible*.

Registration Notes

Please contact our office for School Cohorts of 5 or more (planning to join the session as a cohort at the school) and Division Cohorts of 10 or more (planning to meet together at the Division office) pricing. Email

heather.pearson@arpgdc.ab.ca

While the sessions are being recorded and will be available for a limited time to return to as you continue your work, we are strongly suggesting that you are best served to view this learning opportunity live and engage in conversation with your cohort at the school jointly viewing the workshop online OR online engaging with others via the breakout room model.

As we've been in conversation with Dr. Ritchhart to set up this opportunity in his very busy schedule, we are leaving registration open until the Friday prior to the second session. This would provide an opportunity for those who were not able to make the first session to view that session recording and engage in conversation prior to March 13th's second session.



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