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COMING UP

WORKSHOP - BOLOGNA



Join Michelle Simpson & Cheryl Isles in Bologna, Italy, Jan 31 & Feb 1 for a 2-day workshop all about CBI Mathematics.

REGISTER

CBI ARTS



Join Nyssa Brown & Lauren Zeigler to reimagine art, music, drama, and dance instruction through a CBI lens.

REGISTER

MASTERCLASS



Our FREE masterclass for December will be hosted by Dr. Jo Fahey.

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LITERACY



Join Tiffanee Brown and learn how to apply Concept-Based Inquiry principles to your literacy or world languages units.

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WORKSHOP - PORTLAND



Join Rachel French in Portland, Oregon, March 8 & 9, 2025 for a 2-day workshop.

REGISTER

PLAYFUL LITERACIES



Discover the range of playful ways children from around the world inquire into literacy with Dr. Jo Fahey.

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December Events

DECEMBER MASTERCLASS**Play with Dr. Jo Fahey****December 12, 09:30 am UTC****ERICKSON & LANNING CBCI TRAINER
CERTIFICATION INSTITUTE****Payment plan option 1 ends****EARLY BIRD PRICING FOR New Year 2025
COURSES ENDS.****A Message from Rachel**

I have just returned from a three-week trip to six schools in China, Korea, Qatar, and Vietnam. Meeting with educators face-to-face, exploring their unique contexts, and collaborating on strategies to deepen concept-based learning was a privilege.

At Professional Learning International, we're excited to extend our support to even more schools. Our team of experienced consultants is ready to design tailored workshops to meet your school's specific needs.

Whether you're looking to enhance your curriculum, strengthen teaching practices, or address unique aspects of your journey, we'd be happy to collaborate to create a bespoke professional learning experience.

We're proud to offer workshops in multiple languages—including English, Arabic, Dutch, Chinese, Korean, and German—and can also design sessions tailored to specific subject areas. You can learn more about our offerings and explore how we can support you [here](#).

Looking ahead, I encourage you to book your workshops for the 2025–2026 school year now. Early planning ensures you secure your preferred dates.

Rachel

**What's Coming Up in December?****Last Chance for the Lowest Payment Plan**

This week marks the final opportunity to lock in the early bird payment plan for the 2025 CBCI Trainer Certification Institute. Don't miss this chance to pay in 16 monthly installments of €500 and secure your place in this transformative learning journey.

By enrolling now, you'll reserve your spot and prepare for the next step in your career.

Registering now also grants you free access to The CBI Collaborative, a resource-rich platform that will save you €997 and ensure you are fully prepared to engage with the Institute!

Last Chance for Early Bird Pricing on New Year Courses!

Time is out to take advantage of Early Bird pricing for all our upcoming New Year courses. Register by November 29, 2024, to save €50 per participant and secure your spot in one of our transformative learning opportunities.

Don't miss this chance to begin 2025 with professional growth and fresh inspiration for your teaching practice. Whether you're deepening your expertise in Concept-Based Inquiry or exploring it for the first time, our courses are designed to empower educators like you.

[Register now and save!](#)

Celebrating 10 Years of Transforming Education

This November, we proudly marked a decade of empowering educators and transforming classrooms worldwide. Over the past 10 years, we've worked alongside countless passionate educators who foster deeper learning and inspire their students to think conceptually.

We want to take a moment to thank you—our incredible community—for trusting us and being part of this journey. Your commitment to transformative education through Concept-Based Inquiry inspires us every single day. Together, we've made a profound impact on students, schools, and communities across the globe.

Warm Wishes for a Joyful December

As the year winds down, we encourage you to take time to reflect on the remarkable difference you've made this year. Your hard work, creativity, and dedication have touched countless lives, and we are grateful for everything you do to inspire your students and colleagues.

From all of us at PLI, we wish you a holiday season filled with joy, rest, and inspiration. Here's to a wonderful December and an exciting year ahead!

Warm regards,
The PLI Team

***Transforming education starts
with you...***

REGISTER NOW FOR OUR
DECEMBER MASTERCLASSES



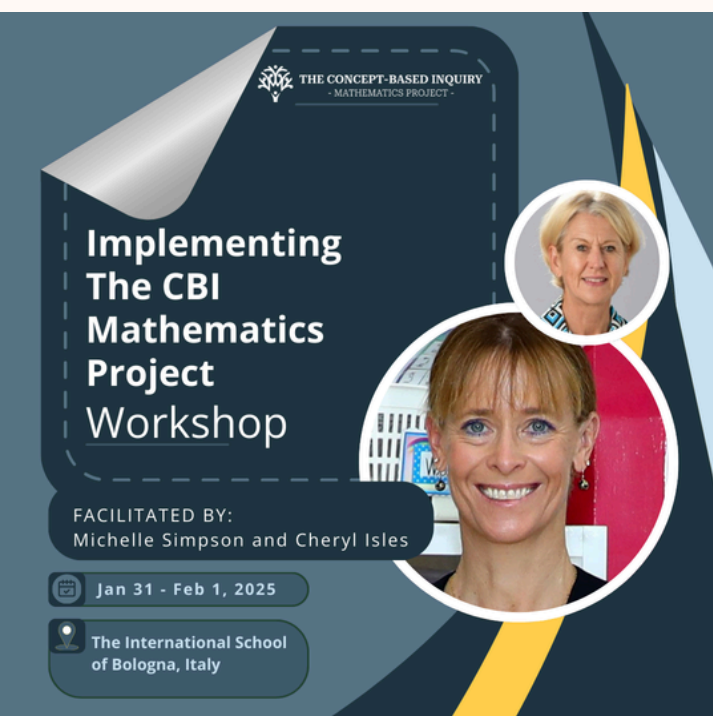
**Tapping into children's authentic ways
of communicating**

Dr. Jo Fahey will present our Masterclass for December, which will be hosted by Rachel French on **December 12th at 07.00 AM UTC**.

This masterclass will help you to to gain insights into the often undervalued ways young children communicate, for example, through mark-making, drawing, story-telling, story-acting, and book-making.

REGISTER NOW!

REGISTER NOW FOR OUR UPCOMING WORKSHOPS



Implementing The CBI Mathematics Project 2-Day Workshop in Bologna, Italy

Join Michelle Simpson and Cheryl Isles at The International School of Bologna, Italy, from **January 31 - February 1, 2025**.

An intensive 2-day workshop for teachers and school leaders who are already implementing (or are considering adopting) The CBI Mathematics Project.

This hands-on approach invites you to recognize patterns and make connections, allowing you to articulate your transferable conceptual understandings. The debrief session will delve into the strategies used to support inductive teaching.

REGISTER NOW!

Introduction to Concept-Based Inquiry with Rachel French

Join Rachel French at the International School of Portland, **March 8-9, 2025**.

An intensive 2-day workshop for Primary and Secondary Teachers and School Leaders committed to implementing a Concept-Based approach. This workshop is filled with practical strategies that invite you to rethink the unit design process.

The International School of Portland is an independent Chinese, Spanish and Japanese immersion elementary school in Portland, Oregon. The International School of Portland was founded in 1990 and today educates nearly 500 students in these languages and in English.



REGISTER NOW!

THE LEARNING LOUNGE



EPISODE 14 : THE CONCEPT-BASED INQUIRY MATHEMATICS PROJECT

Join Michelle Simpson, Dani Barolo, and Cheryl Isles as they sit down with Rachel French to dive into The Concept-Based Inquiry Mathematics Project.

This engaging discussion explores how this innovative program transforms mathematics education by focusing on deep conceptual understanding rather than rote learning.

- Dani & Michelle: Reflect on their experience contributing to developing The CBI Mathematics Project and highlight what sets it apart from traditional math programs.
- Cheryl: Shares her insights from implementing the project over the past year, revealing its profound impact on student learning outcomes.
- Michelle offers practical advice for schools considering adopting the project, drawing on her experience as a Math Coordinator and her work supporting educators.
- Cheryl: Discusses the shift in student attitudes towards math, emphasizing how the project fosters a more positive and engaging learning environment.

This conversation is a must-watch for educators, school leaders, and anyone passionate about revolutionizing mathematics education through conceptual-based learning.

WATCH IT NOW!

LAST CHANCE TO SAVE!

EARLY BIRD PRICING FOR EARLY 2025 COURSES ENDS TODAY

Registering during the Early Bird period (**before November 29, 2024**) will save you €50 per participant.

Discovering Concept-Based Arts, facilitated by Nyssa Brown & Lauren Zeigler - begins January 20, 2025.

Learn to leverage concepts and reimagine how you teach art, music, drama, and/or dance. Design units and learning engagements that move from practicing skills to understanding.

Registrations close on January 15.

REGISTER NOW >>



Concept-Based Inquiry in Action, facilitated by Rachel French, beginning January 27, 2025.

Unlock the power of a Concept-Based Inquiry approach in this foundational course filled with practical strategies that invite you to rethink the unit design process.

Registrations close on January 22, 2025.

REGISTER NOW >>



Playful Literacies: Honoring Children's Agency, facilitated by Dr. Jo Fahey - begins February 10, 2025.

Discover the playful ways children from around the world inquire into literacy. Boost classroom engagement and help students see themselves as readers and authors.

Registrations close on February 5, 2025.

REGISTER NOW >>



Foundations of Concept-Based Literacy & Language, facilitated by Tiffanee Brown - begins on March 10, 2025.

Learn how to apply Concept-Based Inquiry principles to your literacy or world languages units, leverage student agency, and guide your students to develop transferable understandings.

Registrations close on March 5th, 2025.

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2025-2026

THE ERICKSON AND LANNING CBCI TRAINER CERTIFICATION

BEGINNING ON AUGUST 16TH, 2025

As a certified Erickson and Lanning Concept-Based Curriculum and Instruction (CBCI) Trainer, the opportunities for growth are endless, as are the ways in which you can integrate the certification into your specific career focus.

Whether you plan to lead workshops, coach teachers or utilise the learning in your classroom, by joining an expanding group of thought leaders, focused on transforming education, together... we can change the world.

The Erickson and Lanning CBCI Trainer Certification is a 12-month online program designed to:

- Develop a deep understanding of Concept-Based Curriculum and Instruction so that you can fluently and confidently explain the principles to others.
- Provide you with practice crafting clear generalizations or conceptual understandings so you can confidently lead curriculum design.
- Create opportunities to coach others to write generalizations beyond your area of expertise so you can support both the high school math teachers AND the kindergarten team.
- Deconstruct lessons so that you can design your own learning experiences that empower students to think conceptually.
- Provide you with a bank of resources to create a coherent and logical presentation suited to the needs of your particular audience.



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