



Call for Proposals : CEL Convention 2016

Atlanta, November 20–22

Innovative Leadership: Navigating Changes in Literacy Education

Aldous Huxley said, “The vast majority of human beings dislike and even actually dread all notions with which they are not familiar. . . Hence it comes about that at their first appearance innovators have generally been persecuted, and always derided as fools and madmen.”

We all know that change is inevitable. Changes in education, however, can be extremely demanding on teachers, administrators, students and parents alike. How can today’s literacy leaders not only bring about necessary changes but navigate changes imposed upon us? Educational policy, standards, high-stakes testing, college readiness – these constantly evolving and controversial issues create tension, chaos and concern for the future of education. How can innovators – the fools, the madmen – navigate the rough seas of change? How can we steer literacy education in the right direction? How can we fight against injustice and focus on promoting literacy? How can literacy leaders bring about change, build communities and prepare teachers for the road ahead? In what ways can innovative leaders expand literacy capacities on the local, state and national levels?

Join us for the CEL Convention in Atlanta where we will explore these questions by examining and discussing innovations in literacy leadership. We will work collaboratively, share experiences and reflect upon our practice in order to build our capacities for leadership.

We encourage you to submit proposals for the 2016 CEL Conference that address the theme for this session, Innovative Leadership, including:

- Maximizing change and making it work
- Influencing productive literacy leadership
- Developing collaborations
- Supporting literacy coaching
- Enhancing curricular/instructional design
- Diversifying assessment
- Learning to run effective meetings
- Being intentional with outcomes
- Building communities with teams
- Building leadership capacity
- Contributing to the success of others

The Conference on English Leadership encourages interactive, participatory presentations. As a non-profit organization of educators, we are not able to give a stipend or reimburse expenses for this appearance.

The link to the conference proposal form can be found at <http://bit.ly/CEL2016Proposal>. Forms must be submitted prior to the April 15 deadline. Any questions regarding proposals should be directed to Tracy Recine at trecine@pascack.k12.nj.us.

We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta, Nov. 20-22, 2016.

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