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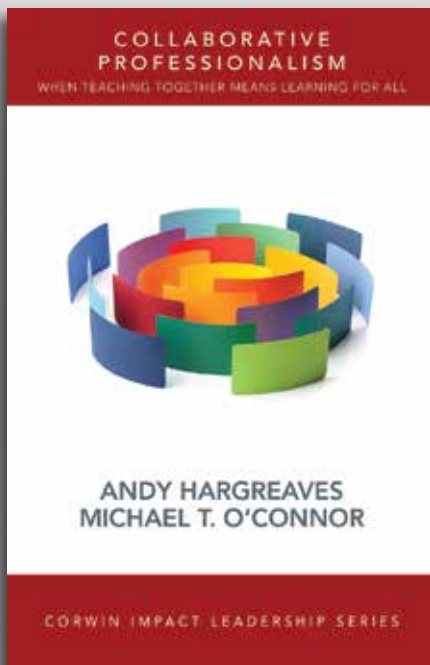
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Leading from the Middle

By Andy Hargreaves

This workshop addresses and exemplifies the fundamental idea of Leading from the Middle that is outlined in Andy Hargreaves new co-authored book, to be published in 2019.

In a complex and rapidly changing world, our educational goals are becoming more sophisticated and demanding. Raising achievement scores in literacy and numeracy is not enough for anyone anymore. Economic prosperity and opportunity call for innovation and creativity. An international epidemic of mental health problems is making more and more schools pay attention to the physical, emotional and mental wellbeing of young people.



The bold directions that many schools are already taking in response to these issues are too sophisticated to be imposed from the top, through the control of single leaders or small management teams, in prescriptive detail, over everyone below. As a result, many schools and school systems are beginning to adopt a new idea that is neither top-down nor bottom-up: leading from the middle. Leading from the Middle (LfM) is a deceptively simple idea where teachers and schools work together to support each other, move good ideas around, give each other feedback, act with humility, and take collective responsibility for each others' success. Leading from the Middle – whether it is a critical mass of teachers in a school, or a group of schools working together, is not just about Leading IN the Middle in terms of a layer of middle management. Leading from the Middle, rather, is about many teachers and schools driving change together instead of being driven by other people's changes. It is about taking initiative rather than implementing other people's initiatives.

This workshop draws on Andy Hargreaves' very recent research with one seventh of the school districts in Ontario, Canada. It is interactive and engages participants in numerous ways as they process the ideas and apply them to their own practice.

A copy of Andy's most recent book "Collaborative Professionalism; When Teaching Together Means Learning For All" will be provided as part of the workshop.

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