

Courageous Schools: Teaching and Leading with Hope for the Future

A Reflective Practice Day for Educators

Saturday April 16, 2016 (9 am to 4 pm)

Educators in Ontario recognize both the challenge and the responsibility to educate students for life and leadership in a rapidly changing, and increasingly fragile, world.



- What would it be like if we were able to bring our truest and best self to teaching and leading on a daily basis?
- What would it be like if we were able to form entire adult communities of schools acting from their own identity and integrity on behalf of their students?
- What are the conditions we can create collectively to make it possible for everyone to bring their truest and best selves to the enterprise of forming the next generation of global citizens?

You are invited to join a diverse group of educators to explore these questions through the Courage to Teach® Circle of Trust process led by certified facilitators Michael Saver, OCT and Sue Empringham.

This professional and personal development workshop takes the form of a secular retreat day, including times for reflection and sharing in small and large groups. Together, we will explore proven ways to cultivate self-awareness, build connection and community in classrooms and staffrooms, and foster a culture of shared leadership.



“When improving education is the topic, we too often turn to externals like more money, better curricula, state-of-the art teaching techniques, or ways of weighing and measuring student learning and teacher effectiveness. Of course, we need all of that and more—assuming that it’s properly implemented—if we are going to serve our children well. But we will continue to fail at school improvement if we consistently neglect, and even undermine, the critical factor called mutual trust, which common sense and sound research tell us is the sine qua non of people doing their best work together.” **Parker J. Palmer**, author of [The Courage to Teach](#)

**Location: The Mary Ward Centre at the University of Toronto,
70 St. Mary St. Toronto, M5S 1J3**

Cost: \$150 (includes lunch and all materials); limit of 35 participants.

For more information and to Register (by March 6, 2016):

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Meet Your Facilitators



Michael Saver, OCT has fourteen years experience as a certified Courage to Teach/Circle of Trust facilitator, leading retreat programs for educators across the province and in Australia. An educator for 30 years, Michael recently retired from his position as Accreditation Administrator at the Ontario College of Teachers, the self-regulatory body for the teaching profession in Ontario. His professional experience includes professional development programs for educators, pre-service teacher education, classroom teaching and group facilitation in a variety of contexts. He has an interest in the principles of diversity, particularly as they relate to educational communities inclusive of persons who identify as LGBT.



Sue Empringham has a nursing background, and has years of experience leading small groups using the Circle of Trust model. Sue is a certified facilitator prepared by the Center for Courage and Renewal. She has found courage and renewal principles to be invaluable in day to day challenges and celebrations of life. Sue has facilitated many diverse Circles of Trust, and is inspired by the sense of wholeness that participants report when a safe space is provided for listening to self and others.

“From the beginning, we have known that renewed individuals are not enough. We must equip individuals for collegial relationships that can transform the institutions in which they work for the sake of the people whom they wish to serve.”

Parker J. Palmer, founder of the Courage to Teach/Circle of Trust process

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