



Connecting Careers, Curriculum, and Community

Interactive Webinar Series and Design Challenge
June 23rd 10:30-12:00 and July 14th 1:00-2:30



Inspire



Design



Empower



Amplify

Driving Question

How might connections between and among curriculum, career, and community promote deeper learning, active engagement, and equity?

If your Innovation Team is designing and facilitating systems to define career pathways, establish high-interest academies, and / or expand community partnerships that facilitate student transfer of learning into a real-world context, this network of learners might be the perfect place for you.

Learn from fellow participants as they share their story arc of innovation. Hear about the barriers they have broken down and the catalysts they leveraged to accelerate momentum. Explore resources that support efforts to grow future-ready learning pathways with the support of communities both within and beyond the school environment. As an added bonus, engage in a design challenge to infuse community engagement into your team's career-focused innovation.

Outcomes:

- ☐ Apply lessons learned from Cohort I to navigate barriers
- ☐ Identify a catalyst (design challenge) to maintain momentum
- ☐ Design collateral to support next steps for implementation

Timeline:

- **June 23, 10:30AM-12:00PM:** Synchronous Zoom session to explore goals, share successes, and identify action steps
- **Between June 23 and July 14:** Asynchronous Design Challenge with choices to work on in division with support from their ALP coach.
- **July 14 1:00PM-2:30PM:** Synchronous Zoom session to share artifacts, garner feedback, and extend learning.



Session 1 Agenda

June 17, 2020 10:30-12:00

Time	Activity	Resource
10 min	Welcome and Introductions - First Who - Who is in the room, and why? - Define and refine driving question as our 'why' - Norms - Virtual Expectations	Shared working space for capturing personal response / collective response. Padlet
15 min	Our Why: What is our purpose for learning together? What might 'success' look like? - From personal to collective response: <i>We'll know we were successful when...</i> - To achieve our success, what are our "Need To Knows"? What other questions might need to be answered beyond the driving question?	Shared working space for capturing personal response / collective response. Padlet
20 min	Think: Learning from and with each other - Share current state / bright spots within one or more of the Venn intersections between / among community / career / curriculum - Look for / listen for connections to current state within Innovation Framework	Think, Puzzle, Explore Protocol Google Drawing - Triple Venn Diagram
5 min	Puzzle: Revisit driving question and success criteria - What have we learned so far? - What else might we need to learn next? - What other questions are circling?	
25 min	Explore: Unpack resources captured within resource collection that help us answer our whys - Pick from future ready skills, what's working, efficiency, and seamless integration. - Look for A word, A phrase, A Sentence - Share via Padlet	Collection of resources
10 min	Design Challenge - Application of new/renewed insights - Opportunities to take Action	Ideas? Challenges? Pseudo-commitment to next steps
5 min	Closing Fun	



Design Challenges -

Connect with Invited Guests and Their Stories

- Career Pathway activation - as a school? District? “Academy”?
- Community Partnerships in service of authentic student learning experiences

Career Pathway activation / exploration - as a school? District? “Academy”?

- **Understand students’ needs.** Reach out to a student to learn about their experience within a career-oriented pathway, and seek to understand their needs. Sketch notes that reflect what you hear and add those notes as an artifact to your field notebook.
- **Create a vision for what success looks like.** Create a dream board / vision board / physical model / etc. There is no right or wrong way to make one. You should add anything that inspires you. Use this visual tool as a guide to your goals for the future.

Community Partnerships in service of authentic student learning experiences

- **Find a lead.** Chamber of Commerce etc
- **Find a teammate.** Who beyond your innovation team might help you build these relationships? Reach out to them in order to move forward.
- **Understand potential partners’ needs.** Reach out to a local organization in order to better understand a challenge they are experiencing, and seek to understand their needs. Sketch notes that reflect what you hear and add those notes as an artifact to your field notebook.
- **Build community.** Connect people from different communities to each other based on commonalities / synergies that you recognize between or among them. Capture and share an artifact that showcases how this connection was made.
- **Bring a team together.** Who else in this session is trying to do the same things that you are? You are now a team.





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Session 2 Agenda July 14, 2020 1:00-2:30

Time	Activity	Resource
1:00-1:05	Reconnect... ...with each other ...with our norms ...with our goals	
1:05-1:30	Share Fair - How Have We Taken Action? - Revisit our goals / projects / etc - Share artifacts / anecdotes since the last time we connected	Connecting Careers, Curriculum, and Community blog post
1:30-2:15	Ready By Design Deep Dive: Analysis of 'Readiness Traps' and 'Readiness Gaps' (pgs 33-37) Protocol: The Final Word - Which of the four "Readiness Traps" might your project best address? How? - Which of the four "Readiness Gaps" might your project close? How? - What resources might you need to continue to close the 'Gaps' and/or avoid the 'Traps'?	Ready by Design, The Science (and Art) of Youth Readiness (pg 33-37) Shared workspace
2:15-2:25	Next Steps: What's the <i>biggest small step</i> we can take next? How might we leverage the network to support us?	
2:25-2:30	Partner Feedback Survey	Partner Feedback Survey Topic: Connecting Career, Curriculum, and Community Facilitator 1: Craig Bennett Facilitator 2: Tony Borash





Type of Professional Learning: Multiple Day Session Institute

Resources:

- ☐ [Resource Collection for Session 1](#)
- ☐ [Ready by Design, The Science \(and Art\) of Youth Readiness](#) - Jobs for the Future
- ☐ [Resources from Cohort 1 Launch Event last March](#)
- ☐ [Resource from Cohort I collaboration in July 2019, Martinsville](#)
- ☐ [District areas of focus from Cohort 1](#)
- ☐ [Slide Deck used while onsite @ Southern VA Career](#)

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