



***Building an Outstanding Learning Culture  
Across Your School***

***Mount Allison University  
Sackville, NB***

**July 12-15, 2022**

***An Instructional Leadership Institute***

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*New Brunswick Department of Education and Early Childhood Development*

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## Our Facilitators

### James Nottingham

James Nottingham is best-known for creating the Learning Pit, a model for encouraging leaders to step out of their comfort zone. He also works closely with professors Carol Dweck (Growth Mindset) and John Hattie (Visible Learning). He dropped out of school at 16 and bummed around for a few years, working odd jobs in factories and on farms until some anti-apartheid work in South Africa led to a passion for teaching. Since then, he has been a teacher and leader in pre-K-12 schools across the UK, and then the founder of a multi-million-dollar, award-winning social regeneration project to raise the aspirations and achievements of young people in north east England. In 2006, he created the company Challenging Learning, now employing 25 staff in six countries.



He is author of 11 books for teachers, leaders and parents; is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, an award granted for making outstanding achievements to social progress and development; and is included in the Future 500, a “definitive list of the UK’s most forward thinking and creative innovators”. He lives by the beach on the England-Scotland border with his wife, three children and five sausage dogs. More about James can be found [here](#).

### Carmen Bergmann

Dr. Carmen Bergmann is Managing Director for Challenging Learning. She is also co-creator for key aspects of our online services, including book studies, conferences and lesson plan downloads; host of our introductory and in-depth webinar series; co-author of School’s Out, Learning’s In and principal author of the Challenging Learning blog. Her excellent reputation for guiding and encouraging staff online and in-person has led to powerful cultural change in pedagogy and leadership around the world.

Carmen will be happy to help with all enquires during your retreat.



## Program Overview

### Building an outstanding learning culture across your school

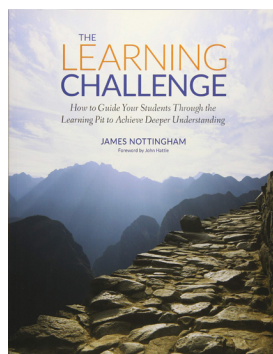
During this leadership retreat, your facilitators will help you identify the key aspects of an outstanding learning culture (according to research and best international practice). This will include what you need your staff to know, believe, and do in terms of:

- Ensuring your students use **feedback** brilliantly
- Improving your students' attitudes and approaches towards **challenge**
- Stoking **curiosity and engagement** in all classes
- Building **collective and self-efficacy**
- Strengthening **social and emotional learning** (SEL)
- **Deepening learning** so that students build robust and relevant attitudes, skills and knowledge

James and Carmen will encourage participants to develop a clear vision for their learning culture and will then guide their thinking and planning to make that vision a reality. They will share various frameworks and strategies that can be used to create clarity and build leadership capacity.

In preparation for this retreat, we ask participants to take photos in their school building that they can share with others. The photos can be stored electronically or printed. We suggest taking photos of the following:

- Exterior of the building- including any signs that tell more about the school
- Entryway
- Staffroom
- Where teachers do planning
- Space where great learning happens
- Space where you would like to see more learning
- Hallway/Classroom displays – student work
- Reception area
- Spaces where students congregate
- Detention room
- Where students go when they are ill
- Where students go when they have been naughty
- Any other spaces that you think define your school





## Institute Schedule

### Tuesday, July 12

5:30 - 6:45 pm	Registration (Windsor Hall Foyer)
7:00 - 8:00 pm	Opening Session

### Wednesday, July 13


7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Workshop Session
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Workshop Session
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Supper
Free Evening	

### Thursday, July 14

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Workshop Session
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Workshop Session
6:00 p.m.	Institute Banquet [Followed by Social]

### Friday, July 15

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Workshop Session/Closing [Mid Morning – Nutrition Break]






## Audience

Intended for educational leaders from across Atlantic Canada who have interest in leadership. A limited number of participants will be accepted from each province.



## Accommodations

DSS participants will be housed in the newly renovated Windsor Hall, a co-ed residence. Your rooms will be equipped with custom made furniture, mini fridges, microwaves and Smart TVs. All rooms are single occupancy and each bedroom is attached to either a private or semi-private washroom. A semi-private washroom is shared between two and is accessible from each bedroom, and lockable from both sides.




## Meals

A meal plan is available which will include three meals on Tuesday, breakfast and lunch on Wednesday and breakfast on Thursday.

Meal Plan cost: \$110 taxes in.

Individual meals may be purchased at the cafeteria door at set prices.

**The Institute will sponsor a banquet on Thursday evening. This has always been an “Institute Highlight”, an event you will certainly want to consider attending. There is no cost to Institute participants. Additional tickets may be available at the Institute at \$60.00.**



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## Recreational Facilities

The gymnasium and the pool at Mt. Allison will be available daily. There is exercise equipment in the residence and tennis courts and a golf course in the area.

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## Emergency Contact Numbers

(506) 364-2228 (Security)

(506) 364-2247 (Conference Office)

(506) 364-7821 (Conference Office After Hours)

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