



THE PLI INQUIRER

A monthly newsletter from
Professional Learning International

The year Marches on!

What's next on your professional development calendar? March is a good time to plan ahead for your next learning opportunities.

More online courses are on the way, and there's still time to register for **Concept-Based Inquiry in Action** workshops in Australia and New Zealand, with a newly confirmed session in the USA in March 2026.

These in-person workshops are a condensed, hands-on version of our signature 8-week online course, packed with practical strategies you can apply immediately.

Many of our workshops and courses offer early bird discounts, so planning ahead pays off! If you need help arranging registration with your school, just let us know—we're happy to assist.

We look forward to learning with you.

Warmest regards,

From the PLI team.

P.S. Did you know that joining the CBI Collaborative gives you full access to our online Concept-Based courses with no registration fees? [Learn more on page 7.](#)



An update from Rachel

By the time you're reading this, I will likely be on a plane home from Italy, having just finished another **Concept-Based Inquiry in Action** workshop at H-Farm International School.

I probably won't unpack completely because the next stop is Cornish College in Australia. Then, I get to run this workshop in my home region at Hadlow Preparatory School in Masterton!

While travel can be tiring, I always feel energized by the enthusiasm and passion in every room. If you haven't done this workshop before, I encourage you to join one near you, because you will experience that same feeling.

I hope you find something in this newsletter that inspires and supports you, and I look forward to learning alongside you in the months ahead!

— Rachel





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Access to our full online course library, one-on-one coaching, regular group calls and more—don't sleep on the CBCI Collaborative Membership.

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The hottest of hot topics: AI and Academic Integrity. Rachel French speaks with Rachel Lugo, Ijanaya Smith, and Davidson Lloyd about the opportunities and challenges this technology presents for educators.



Upcoming workshops





Concept-Based Inquiry in Action

Are you ready to transform your teaching?

Concept-Based Inquiry in Action is a hands-on, intensive experience designed for educators and school leaders who want to unlock the full potential of Concept-Based Inquiry.



This workshop, built on the foundations of our signature 8-week online course, will equip you with practical strategies to design learning experiences that spark curiosity, deepen understanding, and empower students to think critically. You'll leave with ready-to-use tools and a clear roadmap to implement Concept-Based Inquiry in your classroom or school.

AUSTRALIA: June 19-20, 2025

-  Cornish College, Bangholme, Melbourne
-  \$750AUD (\$700AUD for groups of 5+)



[Register now](#)


NEW ZEALAND: July 17-18, 2025

-  Hadlow Preparatory School, Masterton
-  \$500NZD (earlybird \$450NZD until June 20)

[Register now](#)


USA: March 6-7, 2026

-  International School of Portland
-  \$750 USD (earlybird \$700 USD until November 28)

[Register now](#)


Refer a friend

Are you thinking of a colleague who would love this workshop? Share this newsletter and encourage them to join our global community of forward-thinking educators. Transforming education starts with you.

Upcoming online courses

Whether it's the first step of your journey into Concept-Based Inquiry or you're looking for advanced frameworks, we've got a course for you.

Group pricing is available for five or more participants from the same school. Please contact admin@prolearnint.com to register your group.

Concept-Based Inquiry in Action [Korean]

Discover the power of a concept-based inquiry approach, **now available in Korean!**

This introductory CBI course for K-12 educators is packed with practical strategies that will transform the way you think about unit design.

Facilitated by Grace Shin, this 8-week course **begins on June 19, 2025** (all sessions conducted in Korean).

Registrations close on **June 11**.

The cost for the course and 1-1 coaching is \$700 USD.

Concept-Based Inquiry in Action

Discover the power of a concept-based inquiry approach! This introductory CBI course for K-12 educators is packed with practical strategies that will transform the way you think about unit design.

Facilitated by Rachel French and Carla Marschall, this 8-week course **begins on September 29, 2025**.

The cost of the course and 1-1 coaching is €850.

Early bird pricing is available! Register before August 29, 2025, to receive a €50 discount on your fee.



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2024년 6월 19일 부터

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- ONLINE SELF-PACED LEARNING
- LIVE GROUP LESSONS VIA ZOOM
- PRIVATE COACHING SESSION
- CBI IN ACTION E-BOOK
- GROUP FORUM

REGISTER TODAY!

Register now



Upcoming online courses, continued...

Building Scientific Understanding: With a CBI Approach

Embark on a transformative journey to elevate your science classroom to new heights. You'll explore how scientific exploration through practical labs and hands-on learning plays a vital role in every Concept-Based Inquiry Science classroom.

Facilitated by Jessica Humble-Crofts and Andrea Uhl, this 6-week online course for K -12 Science Educators, including Elementary Teachers & Curriculum Leaders, **begins on October 6th, 2025.**

The cost of the course and 1-1 coaching is €650.

Early bird pricing is available! Register before September 5, 2025 to save €50 per participant.

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**Building Scientific Understanding:
With a CBI Approach**

October 6, 2025
6-week course

with Jessica Humble-Crofts
& Andrea Uhl

REGISTER NOW!

[Register now](#)

Mastering the Art of Integrating Curriculum with a CBI Approach

Embark on a transformative journey to elevate your integrated units to new heights. You'll learn how to write interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary units that honor all integrated disciplines and build common understandings that help students transfer learning seamlessly between and within disciplines and subjects.

Facilitated by Rasha El-Haggan, this 4-week online course for K -12 Educators, including Elementary Teachers & Curriculum Leaders, **begins on October 13, 2025.**

The cost of the course and 1-1 coaching is €450.

Early bird pricing is available! Register before September 12, 2025 to save €50.

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Mastering the Art of Integrating Curriculum with a CBI Approach

4 Week Course

Register Now

With:
Rasha El-Haggan

[Register now](#)

Grow our community

Know a colleague who's passionate about innovative teaching? Share this link to our online courses with your network and invite them to join our global community of forward-thinking educators.





March Masterclass

Have you joined a Masterclass yet? Each month, we offer a **free 60-minute session** with one of our expert facilitators, covering a unique or interesting aspect of Concept-Based inquiry. All you need to do is register on our website, and you'll be emailed a Zoom link and calendar invite.

We encourage you to invite your colleagues, too - learning is a journey best shared!

Striking the balance: How specific should generalizations be?

March 29th, 2025, 03:00 am UTC

Are you:

- A language educator eager to understand how to build conceptual understanding through well-crafted generalizations?
- Designing Concept-Based units but unsure how broad or narrow your generalizations should be?
- Finding that your students struggle to connect generalizations to specific case studies in meaningful ways?

Join **Yuanjia Fei** in this 60-minute Masterclass to explore the art of balancing specificity and universality in crafting generalizations.

Through interactive discussions and real-world examples, you'll gain practical insights that will enhance your ability to guide students toward deeper conceptual understanding.

FREE MASTERCLASS

FREE MASTERCLASS

FREE MASTERCLASS

MARCH 29TH | 03:00AM UTC

STRIKING THE BALANCE: HOW SPECIFIC SHOULD GENERALIZATIONS BE?

- ✓ Balancing universality and specificity in generalizations
- ✓ Testing the effectiveness of a generalization
- ✓ Strategies to help students engage with generalizations

Presented by Yuanjia Fei



FREE MASTERCLASS

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Just fill out this form once, and we'll add you to the list for every Masterclass. If you can't make it to one, you can easily opt out—but this way, you'll never miss an opportunity to join.

[Sign me up](#)





Let's get Collaborative

More than a course: it's a journey of professional growth.

Joining the Concept-Based Inquiry Collaborative gives you unlimited access to Professional Learning International's suite of online courses, live coaching, exclusive resources, and a global educator community – all at a price that makes sense.

Collaborative membership lets you **learn your way**. Prefer **self-led learning**? All courses are designed to be completed individually. Love being **part of a group**? You can join cohorts throughout the year to complete different modules. Regular coaching and Q&A sessions allow you to **choose the right mix** of **group** and **self-led learning**.

If you plan to take two or more courses in a year, the **CBI Collaborative Membership is the best value**. Whether you pay annually or monthly, you have unlimited access plus live coaching and an educator network for **less than the cost of two individual professional development courses**.

What Collaborative members get

Full access to PLI's Concept-Based Inquiry online courses

Enroll in our growing library of self-directed online courses at any time. Prefer to join a cohort? You can do that, too!

Live monthly Q&A & coaching sessions

Get expert support when you need it from our certified CBI trainers.

Exclusive classroom resources

The Collaborative online portal is a treasure trove of downloadable templates, planning guides, and lesson plans.

Global educator community

Collaborate, share ideas, and get feedback. You'll be connected with a community of educators who share your drive to transform teaching and learning.



Monthly membership

€97

Annual membership

€997 (save 14%!)

[Join now](#)



What Collaborative members are saying

"It wasn't until I encountered Concept-Based Inquiry that it felt like I've finally come home. And I'm meeting with other educators who are looking at how to help their students think and learn in ways that really help them understand the world. So, for me, the CBI Collaborative has been the destination I've been trying to get to for a long time. And now that I've discovered it, I found there's a huge journey in front of me. It's exciting. It's invigorating and empowering."

Kevin Richins, USA



The Learning Lounge

The Learning Lounge is a suite of video discussions with some of the most innovative minds in education. Each month, we discuss new ideas, share best practices, and explore the latest thinking.

Spark your interest and challenge your thinking—a new episode is released every month.



Episode 16: AI and Academic Integrity.

In this episode, Rachel French is joined by Rachel Lugo, Ijanaya Smith, and Davidson Lloyd to discuss two types of AI: Artificial Intelligence and Academic Integrity.

They discuss their experiences with ChatGPT and other tools, along with the opportunities and challenges educators, schools, and students face with the increasing ubiquity of Artificial Intelligence both inside and outside the classroom.

[Watch it now](#)

