



# THE PLI INQUIRER

*A monthly newsletter from  
Professional Learning International*

## Conference confirmed!

Get your diary out: the CBI Learning Labs Conference 2025 is officially locked in for **November 13-16** at the **International School of Luxembourg!**

We are very excited about this, and cannot wait to share more details with you. You can **pre-register** by visiting:

<http://prolearnint.com/conference>

Stay tuned for more about the conference, including our speaker lineup, session highlights, and networking opportunities.

In the meantime, our online course calendar is filling up, 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.



## Calling all future leaders

Becoming an Erickson & Lanning CBI Trainer is undoubtedly one of the best things I've ever done.

It kickstarted my journey into Concept-Based Inquiry and set the foundations for Professional Learning International.

So it's little surprise that I want to encourage you to take the same opportunity I did!

Preparation is well underway for the 2025/2026 Institute cohort, and I thought I'd use this space to put out a last call for applications. If you are at all interested in leading educational transformation, this year-long certification is a rewarding pathway to that goal. Yes, it's intensive and a year-long commitment. But I promise the rewards are absolutely worth it. Applications close May 28<sup>th</sup>.

I hope to see you there.

– Rachel





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# CBI LEARNING LABS CONFERENCE 2025 NOVEMBER 13-16 INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF LUXEMBOURG

# PRE-REGISTER NOW

Professional Learning International is excited to bring the 2025 CBI Learning Labs Annual Conference to Luxembourg this November.

Want early access to tickets, speaker announcements, and program highlights?

Pre-register now and be the first to hear as details are released.

[Pre-register now](#)







# 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 (early bird \$700AUD **until April 18**)

[Register now](#)

### NEW ZEALAND: July 17-18, 2025

- 📍 Hadlow Preparatory School, Masterton
- 💰 \$500NZD (early bird \$450NZD until June 20)

[Register now](#)

### USA: March 6-7, 2026

- 📍 International School of Portland
- 💰 \$750USD (early bird \$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 workshops



## Concept-Based Inquiry in Science

Science educators, this one's for you!

Join Jessica Humble-Crofts and 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.

### ITALY: February 9-10, 2026



American Overseas School of Rome



€750EUR (€700EUR for groups of 5+)

[Register now](#)



Can't make it to the workshop? Check out our Online Courses section and register for [Building Scientific Understanding: With a CBI Approach](#), which begins October 6, 2025.



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# 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](mailto:admin@prolearnint.com) to register your group.

## Concept-Based Inquiry in Action [Korean]

Discover the power of a concept-based inquiry approach, **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.

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개념기반  
탐구학습의  
실천

신은정 코치와 함께

2024년 6월 19일 부터

등록하세요!

[Register now](#)

## 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.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING  
- INTERNATIONAL -

8-WEEK ONLINE COURSE

CONCEPT-BASED  
INQUIRY IN  
ACTION

with  
RACHEL FRENCH

REGISTER NOW

[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.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING INTERNATIONAL

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

with Jessica Humble-Crofts & Andrea Uhl

**October 6, 2025**  
6-week course

**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.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING INTERNATIONAL

**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.





# May 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!

## A Practical Application of Concept-Based Inquiry in Physical Education

with Dr. Meaghan Wilson & Saskia Koelewijn

May 21st, 2025, 07:30 UTC

Are you:

- Wanting to incorporate Concept-Based Inquiry into your PE lessons but aren't sure where to start?
- Eager to keep your students active while fostering meaningful inquiry?
- Struggling to balance movement time with guiding students toward powerful generalizations?

Join this interactive Masterclass with **Meaghan Wilson & Saskia Koelewijn** to discover how Concept-Based Inquiry can transform your Physical Education curriculum.

Discover practical strategies to seamlessly integrate concept- and inquiry-based learning into your PE lessons, enhancing student engagement and critical thinking.



[Register now](#)



## Never miss a Masterclass

Did you know you can automatically register for all future Masterclasses?

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](#)







# Join the Erickson and Lanning CBCI Institute

## Ready to deepen your expertise in Concept-Based learning?

If you've been working with Concept-Based approaches and are ready to take your understanding further – whether to lead others, mentor colleagues, or simply refine your own teaching practice – the **Erickson & Lanning CBCI Trainer Certification Institute** could be your next step.

This 12-month online program is designed for experienced educators and curriculum leaders who want to build confidence, sharpen their curriculum design skills, and help others bring Concept-Based learning to life in schools.

It's a rigorous, hands-on, and highly collaborative experience that provides not only advanced training but also a professional community and the chance to make a real impact.

Of course, don't just take our word for it: check out what some of our Institute graduates are saying about their experience in the video below.

The next cohort begins **August 16, 2025** and applications are open now.

[Learn more](#)

## Get Collaborative

Enroll in the CBCI Trainer Certification Institute before the end of May, and you'll receive **CBI Collaborative membership until August 1**. With access to all of our online courses, the **CBI Collaborative** gives you ongoing professional learning, practical support, individual feedback that is specific to your context, and access to a community of thought partners who will challenge your thinking, offer support, and celebrate your wins with you.

[Learn more](#)



# 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 17: Curriculum Design

In this episode, Rachel French is joined by Grace Shin, Lucy Elliott, and Engy Olama to discuss the impacts Concept-Based curriculum design can have on both pedagogy and student engagement.

They explore how coordinators and leaders can introduce, model, and integrate aspects of Concept-Based inquiry curriculum into their departments and schools. They also discuss the role of assessment opportunities and aligning them with learning engagements for greater success.

[Watch it now](#)

