



# THE PLI INQUIRER

A monthly newsletter from  
Professional Learning International

## Time to relax, recharge, and refocus

As another school year winds down (or ramps up, depending on where you are in the world), we're reminded that professional learning doesn't need to pause with the school bell. In fact, those rare pockets of time between semesters or at the end of the school year can be the most powerful opportunities to reset, recharge, and refocus.

This month's newsletter is full of ways to do just that.

Whether it's taking advantage of our **€1 Collaborative Membership offer**, signing up for a hands-on workshop, or joining one of our online courses, there's something here to reignite your curiosity and grow your practice.

You'll also find details about the **2025 CBI Learning Labs Conference** in Luxembourg, where we'll be gathering educators from across the globe to explore what's next in Concept-Based Inquiry.

And if you're ready to take the next big step? We are still taking applications for the 2025/2026 cohort of the CBCI Trainer Certification Institute. It appears that a handful of places may soon reopen, so be sure to get on the waitlist and apply today.

No matter where you're at in your professional learning journey, we hope this issue offers something meaningful to explore. Because transforming education doesn't just happen in classrooms. It starts with educators like you, who choose to keep learning.

From the PLI Team



## Congratulations to our newly Certified CBCI Trainers!

This month, I want to take a moment to congratulate our newest CBCI Certified Trainers. It's been an incredible year of learning, growing, and stepping into leadership—and I'm so proud of what this group has achieved.

A huge thank you also to our dedicated coaches, who have supported and challenged participants every step of the way: Tiffanee Brown, Yuanjia Fei, Jessica Humble-Crofts, Kelvin Sparks, Rasha El-Haggan, and Nyssa Brown. Your expertise, care, and commitment make this program what it is.

One final note from me. As we get to the final stages of assessing applications and confirming the cohort, a few places are likely to become available for the 2025/2026 Institute.

If you've been thinking about applying, now might be your chance to take the reins on your career.

However you spend it, enjoy your break and recharge for the new year!

— Rachel





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Not all places in the 2025/2026 cohort have been confirmed. Apply today and you could be joining us in August.

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As the school year wraps up, you might finally have what's been in short supply all year: time. Why not use that time to invest in yourself—especially when it only costs €1?

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### **CBI Learning Labs Conference 2025**

Tickets are now available, along with our first release of speaker information and schedules for the 2025 Conference.

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### **Workshops near you**

Details about Professional Learning International workshops in the coming weeks and months.

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# Congratulations to our new CBCI Institute Graduates

As this year's Erickson & Lanning CBCI Trainer Certification Institute comes to a close, we want to extend our warmest congratulations to the newest group of Certified Concept-Based Trainers.

Over the past 12 months, these educators have challenged their thinking, deepened their practice, and stepped into leadership with clarity, confidence, and purpose.

It's been a privilege to watch them grow, not just as individuals but as a global community of educators ready to make a lasting impact.

We'd also like to thank our outstanding team of coaches—Tiffanee Brown, Jessica Humble-Crofts, Kelvin Sparks, Rasha El-Haggan, Yuanjia Fei, and Nyssa Brown—for guiding, supporting, and inspiring participants throughout the year. Your mentorship is the heartbeat of this program.

## The door is still open for 2025/2026

As we prepare to welcome the 2025/2026 cohort in August, most places have already been confirmed **but a few may become available**. If you've been thinking about applying, now is the time to express your interest.

This isn't just another course. It's a transformational learning journey that will reshape your professional identity and equip you to lead Concept-Based learning in your school or system.

[Apply today](#)







## The CBI Collaborative

**One membership.  
Every CBI course.  
Real support.  
€1.**



**As the school year wraps up, you might finally have what's been in short supply all year: time. Why not use that time to invest in yourself—especially when it only costs €1?**

If you're ready to sink your teeth into some professional learning (without locking yourself into a schedule or chasing down budget approvals), the CBI Collaborative Membership was made for you.

Whether you want to revisit the foundations of Concept-Based Inquiry or take your practice deeper, Collaborative membership gives you:

- Flexible access to our CBI course library\*
- Quarterly coaching calls with experienced facilitators
- Downloadable templates and planning tools to use right away
- A global network of educators on the same journey

*\*Note that Jo Fahey's "Play" series and CBCI Institute courses are not part of the Collaborative membership*

For a limited time, you can join the CBI Collaborative Membership for just €1 for your first month.

This trial gives you full access to our included CBI courses, quarterly coaching calls, and downloadable classroom tools for less than the price of a coffee.

But this offer ends June 30. After that, we'll be relaunching the Collaborative with even more long-term value for members, and the €1 trial will be discontinued.

If you sign up now, you'll:

- Pay just €1 for your first month
- If you love it, continue for €97/month or €997/year (save 15%)
- Lock in current pricing for the next 12 months, even after the relaunch

Make the most of your break and start your next school year stronger than ever.

**JOIN TODAY**





# CBI Learning Labs Conference 2025

A 4-day conference on Concept-Based Inquiry teaching and learning

**NOVEMBER 13-16, 2025**

**THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF LUXEMBOURG**

Join us for an immersive multi-day experience designed for educators ready to go beyond the theory and into transformational practice.

Hosted by Professional Learning International, Learning Labs 2025 brings together a global community of concept-driven teachers, school leaders, and curriculum designers to explore what it really means to lead learning through inquiry.

Expect more than just keynotes. This is a conference built around hands-on workshops, real-world classroom strategies, and collaborative problem-solving. You'll walk away with tools, insights, inspiration to shift thinking in your school, and the confidence to lead meaningful change.

Whether you're just starting your Concept-Based journey or deepening years of experience, this is your space to connect, learn, and lead.

## ANNOUNCEMENT 1: KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



### **CATHRYN BERGER KAYE**

Pre-Conference Session,  
November 13:

*Enlivening Service  
Learning for Community  
Engagement and Global  
Citizenship*

Conference Keynote  
November 15:

*Service Learning – A  
Pathway to Engagement*



### **RACHEL FRENCH**

Pre-Conference  
Workshop, November 13:

*Introduction to Concept-  
Based Inquiry*

Conference Keynote  
November 15:

*Living the Learning: How  
Schools Sustain Concept-  
Based Inquiry for Lasting  
Impact*

[Purchase Tickets](#)







# 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.

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



Hadlow Preparatory School, Masterton



\$500 NZD (early bird \$450 NZD until June 20)

[Register now](#)

### KOREA: February 7-8, 2026



St. Johnsbury Academy Jeju



\$750 USD (early bird \$700 USD until November 28)

[Register now](#)

### USA: March 7-8, 2026



International School of Portland



\$750 USD (early bird \$700 USD until November 28)

[Register now](#)

### USA: March 13-14, 2026



Pine Street School, New York



\$750 USD (early bird \$700 USD until November 28)

[Register now](#)



# 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



€750 EUR (€700 EUR 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.



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

## 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 including 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 -

September 29, 2025  
8-week course

## Concept-Based Inquiry in Action

with Rachel French & Carla Marschall

[Register now](#)

## 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 -

October 6, 2025  
6-week course

## Building Scientific Understanding: With a CBI Approach

with Jessica Humble-Crofts & Andrea Uhl

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# Upcoming online courses, continued...

## 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 -

October 13, 2025

4-week course

**Mastering the Art of Integrating Curriculum with a CBI Approach**

with Rasha El-Haggan

[Register now](#)

## The Power of Play: International Conversations

Join Dr. Jo Fahey as she and 12 international educators journey through four unique online modules that will provide you with a strong foundational understanding of the Power of Play, and its various forms in both indoor and outdoor settings around the world.

This course will challenge your thinking, inspire you and your children to push the boundaries and encourage you to reimagine the POWER of PLAY!

Facilitated by Dr. Jo Fahey, this 4-week online course for early years educators **begins on October 27, 2026.**

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  
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October 27, 2025

4-week course

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# Upcoming online courses, continued...

## Discovering Concept-Based Arts

This is an intensive 6-week online course for those looking to learn to create engaging units and lesson plans that feature active arts learning and use skills as the foundation for transferrable understandings - helping students take their arts learning into their lives and into the world.

Facilitated by Nyssa Brown and Lauren Zeigler, this 6-week online course for K-12 Arts Educators, including Elementary Teachers & Curriculum Leaders, **begins on January 26, 2026.**

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

**Early bird pricing is available!** Register before November 28, 2025 to save €50 per participant.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING  
- INTERNATIONAL -

January 26, 2026  
6-week course

## Discovering Concept-Based Arts

with Nyssa Brown & Lauren Zeigler

[Register now](#)

## Playful Literacies: Honoring Children's Agency

Discover the range of playful ways children from around the world inquire into literacy. Boost classroom engagement and help students see themselves as readers and authors.

Facilitated by Dr. Jo Fahey, this 4-week online course for early years educators **begins on February 16, 2026.**

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

**Early bird pricing is available!** Register before November 28, 2025 to save €50.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING  
- INTERNATIONAL -

February 16, 2026  
4-week course

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## Foundations of Concept-Based Literacy

Concept-Based Literacy is a literacy model that is inquiry-driven and idea-centered, focused on helping your students to develop a lifelong love of literacy. From this intensive professional development course, you'll come away prepared to immediately apply the Concept-Based Literacy approach in your classroom.

Facilitated by Tiffanee Brown, this 6-week online course for K-12 Literacy and World Language teachers, including Elementary Teachers & Curriculum Leaders, **begins on March 9, 2026.**

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

**Early bird pricing is available!** Register before November 28, 2025 to save €50.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING  
- INTERNATIONAL -

March 9, 2026

6-week course

**Foundations of Concept-Based Literacy**  
with Tiffanee Brown

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