

**Admissions: Dealing with a Climate of Change
May 5-8, 2010 at NavCanada in Cornwall, Ontario**

How often do you go to a conference and feel that there were only a couple of really useful 'sessions' or speakers on the menu?

How often have you been to a conference where you are in total control of the menu, your time to network, and to speak to experts to address issues of real concern to you, right now?

Open Space Technology is a facilitation method that brings people in a related field together around a problem or common theme. In less than an hour, groups of 5 to 500 work out an agenda for two and a half days of meetings designed to address 'their' needs in relation to the theme. What about the latest high-powered speakers? Someone to entertain you? Keynotes and plenaries? Open Space simply works and it may be like no other conference you have ever attended. Admission Officers across the country met in 2000 in this fashion and veteran Admission Director, Bill McCracken of St. George's School in Vancouver had this to say about it.

"Like many others, I was skeptical of the agenda, for we are conditioned to having a set document in place before we go to any meetings. You have a convert in me, to both the process and the outcome. To have in our hot little hands a document, fully complete and ready for action was overwhelming and it proved that we could look at issues that are of interest to us individually as well as collectively."

The theme for this year's Admission Conference is "Admissions: Dealing with a Climate of Change". In every admission office across the country, regardless of size, day or boarding, Head, Director or Coordinator, we all have our own challenges - personal and professional. This conference is about getting help at whatever level is required to help you deal with our changing climate.

Who will attend? Open Space allows for experts, professionals, or suppliers within the admission/education industry to be present and contribute, it allows for veterans and newbies to admission, as well as whoever is involved in your admission process from occasional faculty supporters, Directors of Marketing or Communication, volunteers, admission staff right through to Heads of small schools who perform admission work. As long as people care about the issue bringing us together, this conference will be a rewarding experience. Will there be enough for you with no pre-set agenda? The simple answer: Yes.

Please reserve the dates of May 5 - 8, 2010 for everyone in your Admission effort to attend this conference. The cost to attend this professional development opportunity will be quite manageable and should allow for several members from each school to attend and take away from it exactly what they need to return to work feeling energized and ready to face the road ahead. Full registration details will be arriving out soon, so put the date in your calendar now!

In the meantime, visit <http://canadianindependentschools.ning.com/?xgi=4ejbpBDCls7MFn> to join an online forum for the conference.