



Creativity - Is there a dark side?
Host: Michael Wilson with guest Ortal Green

18:52:56 From CNIC To Everyone(in Waiting Room):
Welcome everyone. We will be letting you in shortly!

19:00:29 From Paul Syme To Everyone:
Hi Nova Scotia — 8

19:00:30 From Goran Matic To Everyone:
Toronto, Canada - EST!

19:00:36 From Lynn Fels To Everyone:
Lynn Vancouver 4pm a sunny day! great to see you all!

19:00:40 From Gerard McNeil To Everyone:
Hello from Halifax

19:00:41 From Mary Stewart To Everyone:
I'm connecting from central Florida.

19:00:44 From Ortal Green To Everyone:
Sunny Oz, 11 am :)

19:00:44 From Angela Solar To Everyone:
Kingston, Ontario

19:00:45 From Fred Harwood (Richmond, BC) To Everyone:
4 PM here in Richmond BC.

19:00:58 From Natasha Baines To Everyone:
Normally from Rockland, but currently in Toronto

19:01:00 From Lindsay Beal To Everyone:
Lindsay from Victoria BC 4 PM chilly.

19:01:10 From Fred Harwood (Richmond, BC) To Everyone:
Still sunny and 10° C

19:01:16 From mlb To Everyone:
I am in England - Mary

19:01:25 From Sylvia Klein To Everyone:
Ottawa with cold wind & snow

19:01:42 From Richard Fransham To Everyone:
Ottawa

19:02:29 From katherinegoldney To Everyone:
Ottawa too

19:03:12 From Peter Gamwell's iPhone To Everyone:
Ottawa too. Off to my shed. My thinking place. 🤔

19:03:36 From Carolyn Neill To Everyone:
Hello from Renfrew in the beautiful Ottawa Valley.

19:05:29 From annabellacant To Everyone:
North Vancouver hugs

19:06:27 From annabellacant To Everyone:
possibilities

19:06:31 From Richard Fransham To Everyone:
freedom

19:06:32 From Gerard McNeil To Everyone:
Ambiguity

19:06:35 From CNIC To Everyone(in Waiting Room):
Free spirit



- 19:06:36 From Mary Stewart To Everyone:
openness
- 19:06:37 From annabellacant To Everyone:
endless imagination
- 19:06:38 From Mônica Regina Vieira Leite To Everyone:
imagination
- 19:06:38 From Angela Solar To Everyone:
change
- 19:06:41 From Kathy Browning To Everyone:
flexibility
- 19:06:42 From Natasha Baines To Everyone:
different
- 19:06:46 From Michael Wilson To Everyone:
play
- 19:06:46 From Lynn Fels To Everyone:
imagination out of the box walking around the edge of the box making the box into a sailboat
- 19:06:49 From Lindsay Beal To Everyone:
new
- 19:06:50 From Mônica Regina Vieira Leite To Everyone:
new
- 19:06:53 From Carolyn Neill To Everyone:
beautiful
- 19:06:54 From Goran Matic To Everyone:
Expansion
- 19:07:00 From Fred Harwood (Richmond, BC) To Everyone:
different expressions and perspectives
- 19:09:12 From Fred Harwood (Richmond, BC) To Everyone:
Interesting to see a software company working on paper.
- 19:09:31 From annabellacant To Everyone:
Fred :)
- 19:12:35 From Mary Stewart To Everyone:
bitcoin comes to mind
- 19:12:41 From Paul Syme To Everyone:
Every enhancement has its equally intense reverse
- 19:13:10 From Mary Stewart To Everyone:
just because something is a creative idea doesn't mean it is an ethical idea.
- 19:14:11 From Fred Harwood (Richmond, BC) To Everyone:
How many creative inventions have been weaponized?
- 19:15:43 From Fred Harwood (Richmond, BC) To Everyone:
Halogen fire extinguishers were a creative solution to invent the most effective extinguisher, but did not take into account the effects on our ozone layer.
- 19:16:06 From Lynn Fels To Everyone:
"enlarging the space of the possible" Sumara & Davis 1997
- 19:16:11 From Lynn Fels To Everyone:
innovation
- 19:17:36 From Lynn Fels To Everyone:
the medium is the message (or massage)
- 19:18:23 From Lynn Fels To Everyone:
unforeseen consequences or hidden curriculum



- 19:19:18 From Paul Syme To Everyone:
The laws of media is McLuhans explanation
- 19:20:06 From Mary Stewart To Everyone:
All actions have consequences—including those that are highly creative.
- 19:20:48 From Lynn Fels To Everyone:
creativity or manipulation?
- 19:22:12 From Lynn Fels To Everyone:
isn't that the dark side of Education?
- 19:22:51 From Mary Stewart To Everyone:
perhaps we need to include discussion of the dark side in all of our creativity coursework
- 19:22:55 From Fred Harwood (Richmond, BC) To Everyone:
Ooohh, Lynn! That's an interesting tangent.
- 19:23:33 From Paul Syme To Everyone:
Just if they let him into art school
- 19:25:04 From Lynn Fels To Everyone:
we have to look at those who support and made possible his "creativity" - seduction of power -
- 19:25:49 From Fred Harwood (Richmond, BC) To Everyone:
But aren't we also creating positive creative minds to combat the creative villains?
- 19:26:34 From Lynn Fels To Everyone:
Varela - "this is but one of many possible worlds..."
- 19:26:46 From Fred Harwood (Richmond, BC) To Everyone:
Creativity is taking risks and good play also has risks.
- 19:27:39 From Lynn Fels To Everyone:
hence the responsibility to nurture/encourage creativity and ethical responsibility to community
- 19:27:44 From Richard Fransham To Everyone:
Good point Annabella. This might interest you:
https://ucyottawa.nationbuilder.com/r?u=Vs0YRxRVu2dYEV1Xnw3FKdnTgKYtZfK_5SA-IZJIn1M&e=7b7424d023b816bf55785ea83b394ada&utm_source=ucyottawa&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=yrd2022&n=3
- 19:28:07 From annabella cant To Everyone:
Thank you Richard
- 19:28:57 From Lynn Fels To Everyone:
isn't it the "status quo" that's "dangerous"?
- 19:29:10 From Mary Stewart To Everyone:
At the university of Waterloo, the Dept of Knowledge Integration balances design thinking and creative thinking with social responsibility and a sense of community.
- 19:29:20 From Fred Harwood (Richmond, BC) To Everyone:
In math education, we are spending more time on real world problems that don't have one 'right' answer because values, responsibility and ethics change the answers.
- 19:29:44 From annabella cant To Everyone:
Yes, to changing the status Quo
- 19:29:50 From Lynn Fels To Everyone:
That's a wonderful combination Mary - thanks for sharing
- 19:30:28 From Mary Stewart To Everyone:
Great point, Michael—and that helps remind us why creativity is so threatening to so many people.



- 19:31:48 From Mônica Regina Vieira Leite To Everyone:
this "danger" may be related to the unknown, not knowing how to deal with the unknown. Creativity can lead us to completely unexpected paths and not having control over what this can lead to causes creativity to be avoided by organizations.
- 19:33:01 From Lynn Fels To Everyone:
It's terrifying - the failure of the Education project
- 19:33:04 From Mary Stewart To Everyone:
(alas, I live in Florida—what a nightmare. Moving north soon!)
- 19:33:16 From Michael Wilson To Everyone:
Yes Monica - a great point. Creativity is inherently dangerous to any status quo. Glad you are with us.
- 19:34:23 From Lynn Fels To Everyone:
UBC phd student's thesis argued that capitalism invented democracy!
- 19:34:57 From annabella cant To Everyone:
Lyn, could you please share the link to the thesis?
- 19:35:35 From Paul Syme To Everyone:
Interesting Lynn!
- 19:37:27 From Lynn Fels To Everyone:
creativity as a way of being critically awake and engaged that imagines or asks what else might be possible?
- 19:37:51 From Fred Harwood (Richmond, BC) To Everyone:
Dean, you make me think of creativity being weaponized as well.
- 19:39:33 From Richard Fransham To Everyone:
Thoughts I'm currently pursuing. What is self-directed education? -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3g1zIU5vbMk&t=2s>
- 19:39:38 From Carolyn Neill To Everyone:
Yes Lindsay and so I find myself using that tool very carefully.
- 19:39:55 From Richard Fransham To Everyone:
My previous post sent by accident.
- 19:40:54 From Lynn Fels To Everyone:
and we reimagined other ways of being present and engaged in education
- 19:41:49 From Lynn Fels To Everyone:
and now there are new challenges with children whose engagement is fragmented, immediate, entertainment, disembodied...via technology
- 19:42:33 From Lynn Fels To Everyone:
and who is deciding to cut money for arts in schools? in the community? and why?
- 19:42:37 From Fred Harwood (Richmond, BC) To Everyone:
Aw, Peter, I was awaiting the idea that had shown above your head for the first half of tonight's Jam
- 19:43:20 From Richard Fransham To Everyone:
Mental health = social justice + self-determination. The connection of creativity to mental health. Does self-directed learning foster creativity?
- 19:43:28 From Mary Stewart To Everyone:
important emphasis on balance, Stan
- 19:43:48 From Fred Harwood (Richmond, BC) To Everyone:
Yes, Lynn, the politics of education.
- 19:44:16 From annabella cant To Everyone:
Sending my greetings to all. I must leave early :(



- 19:44:30 From annabella cant To Everyone:
Thank you for the engaging conversation.
- 19:47:04 From Fred Harwood (Richmond, BC) To Everyone:
Michael's points remind us of who is writing the history books.
- 19:48:08 From Lynn Fels To Everyone:
oh dear - I hope the PR people in the defence departments don't get hold of this tape!
- 19:48:36 From Fred Harwood (Richmond, BC) To Everyone:
Are they PR, HR or image makers?
- 19:50:19 From Lindsay Beal To Everyone:
Yes, creativity is neutral in terms of good or bad, but not neutral as in inert or inconsequential.
- 19:50:32 From Lynn Fels To Everyone:
it feels like we are all in a big game of Risk.
- 19:51:06 From Fred Harwood (Richmond, BC) To Everyone:
Yes, Lynnn and the dice keep getting more and more sides.
- 19:51:14 From Lindsay Beal To Everyone:
It would be a really difficult task to try and not be creative, eh?
- 19:51:50 From Lynn Fels To Everyone:
is being creative not resilience?
- 19:52:05 From Fred Harwood (Richmond, BC) To Everyone:
Not in Florida, Lynn.
- 19:52:40 From Mary Stewart To Everyone:
I understand Dean's point, but somehow, the empowering quality of creativity doesn't seem neutral. Without creativity, I believe humans fulfill reach their potential.
- 19:53:10 From Lynn Fels To Everyone:
touché Fred!
- 19:53:33 From Natasha Baines To Everyone:
I think sometimes we also get stuck on trying to be creative when there can be a simple solution
- 19:53:38 From Mary Stewart To Everyone:
Oops, typo. without creativity, I DON'T believe humans can fulfill their potential.
- 19:53:55 From Lynn Fels To Everyone:
imaginative empathy
- 19:54:20 From Fred Harwood (Richmond, BC) To Everyone:
Thanks for the correction, Mary. I was puzzling the first one.
- 19:54:59 From Lindsay Beal To Everyone:
In a program I developed for personal resilience I moved from (but did not start with this) difficult emotions, self-expression, creativity - then to communication with compassion and listening with empathy.
- 19:55:17 From Fred Harwood (Richmond, BC) To Everyone:
Paul's point makes me wonder how creative sociopaths can be.
- 19:56:52 From Richard Fransham To Everyone:
Hi Gerard, The little mental health equation I shared above is derived from the Ottawa branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association which has social justice and self-determination as its top core values. The documentary film School Circles gives a glimpse of the kind of learning environment that nurtures democracy and creativity:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3g1zIU5vbMk&t=2s>



- 19:57:34 From Carolyn Neill To Everyone:
Wonderful evening everyone! I am heading out. Thinking more about creativity once again and excited to share my new thinking with staff at my school.
- 19:57:49 From Lynn Fels To Everyone:
what is wonderful is that you awakened what needs to be explored and considered, thank you Ortal, and everyone!
- 19:57:59 From Richard Fransham To Everyone:
Good to see you Ortal.
- 19:58:09 From Mary Stewart To Everyone:
very compelling topic!
- 19:58:15 From Dean Verger (Edmonton) To Everyone:
Much appreciated everyone for tonight's topic
- 19:58:19 From Paul Syme To Everyone:
TIMELY!
- 19:58:29 From Natasha Baines To Everyone:
Certainly a thought provoking topic
- 19:58:48 From Brayden Ritter To Everyone:
Thank you so much for the presentation! And thank you Dean for the recommendation!
- 19:59:06 From Lynn Fels To Everyone:
enjoy your snow in Ottawa!
- 19:59:06 From Fred Harwood (Richmond, BC) To Everyone:
Communities of ethical practice, Mary?