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Educational Developers**  
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## COED 2024 Winter Newsletter

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### Join us in 2024! Upcoming COED Community Events

Visit (and bookmark) [COED's "Important Dates" page](#) for a list of COED community events, including:

- [Graduate Student Development CoP](#): Monday, January 8, 2024, 11 am to 12:15 pm ET, Zoom (monthly sessions)
- [Fika Friday](#): Friday, January 26, 2024, 11 am to 12 pm ET, Zoom (monthly sessions)
- [Co-Mentorship](#): Friday, March 1, 2024, 10:30 am to 12 pm ET, Zoom

Want to connect with the COED community on specific topics? Consider joining one or more [COED Action Learning Sets \(ActLS\)](#) and/or [Communities of Practice \(CoP\)](#). COED ActLS and CoP co-leads can [email COED](#) to add meeting sessions to the COED website.

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# COED Fall Meeting

## Fall Meeting 2024 Planning Committee Invitation

Help plan the next COED Fall Meeting! Join the Planning Committee to help shape our next COED Fall Meeting. The COED Fall Meeting is a wonderful opportunity to (re-)connect with educational development colleagues across the province (and beyond). Please email [Christopher Laursen](#), [Mercedes Cardella](#), and/or [Shirley Hall](#) on or before **January 31, 2024**, to express your interest in contributing to this committee.

## Fall Meeting 2023 Reflection

Thank you for being a part of COED Fall Meeting 2023! We, Brian and Samantha, as Co-Chairs (then Elects), would like to share our reflections on the process and the two-day event.

The COED Fall Meeting benefited from collaborating with our membership through the Planning Committee (Lisa Endersby, Allison Fitzgibbon, Shirley Hall, Michal Kasprzak, and Deb Nielsen) and a community planning survey. The COED community generously shared their observations and ideas, shaping the Fall Meeting into a two-day event—with Day 1 in a hybrid format and Day 2 entirely online—and two plenary sessions.

COED received continued support from the Accessibility Working Group (Allison Fitzgibbon, Joanna Lau, Lidya Salim, and Nevena Martinovic) and the Communications Coordinator (Michelle Smith) in creating an accessible, inclusive, and welcoming space for our community and guests. We are grateful to our plenaries—Jennifer Brant and the National Community of Care for Educational Developers in Canada (NCCEDC): Aasiya Satia, Charlene Lewis Sutherland, Clarissa de Leon, Corrine Bent-Womack, Renee Ferguson, Yasmine Djerbal—for sharing their expertise and advising the planning team on fostering safe spaces.

Some highlights and takeaways from the COED Fall Meeting 2023 include our plenaries, in-person networking, breakout community group sessions, and the optional art museum tour. Many members noted the care and thought in creating informative website pages and emails, food consciousness, and shorter-day scheduling. The community consultations helped COED facilitate a welcoming hybrid environment that acknowledges the needs of our plenaries and participants.

In addition to the highlights and takeaways, the COED Fall Meeting 2023 experience offered opportunities for reflection and change, including identifying more concrete strategies and action plans for educational developers to adopt, offering different forms of programming that balance networking and structured sessions, and highlighting more diverse experiences and expertise that enriches our community. The

planning team continues to consider more accessible and inclusive practices to enhance engagement, conversation, and belonging at all COED events.

With the start of the new year, we look forward to supporting the next group of Co-Chair Elects in their planning of the COED Fall Meeting 2024. We also encourage you, the membership, to continue providing your feedback and lending your voices in the spirit of our flourishing grassroots community.

Thank you all for a fun and engaging COED Fall Meeting 2023. Feel free to revisit the resources shared on the [COED Fall Meeting 2023 Documents Google Drive](#). On behalf of the entire COED Executive, we look forward to another year ahead, and we cannot wait to engage with the initiatives and conversations that our community has to offer.

Sincerely,

Samantha Chang and Brian Nairn  
Co-Chairs, COED

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## Contacting COED

**Questions about COED?** We would love to chat with you. Please email us at [communications@coedcfpo.ca](mailto:communications@coedcfpo.ca).