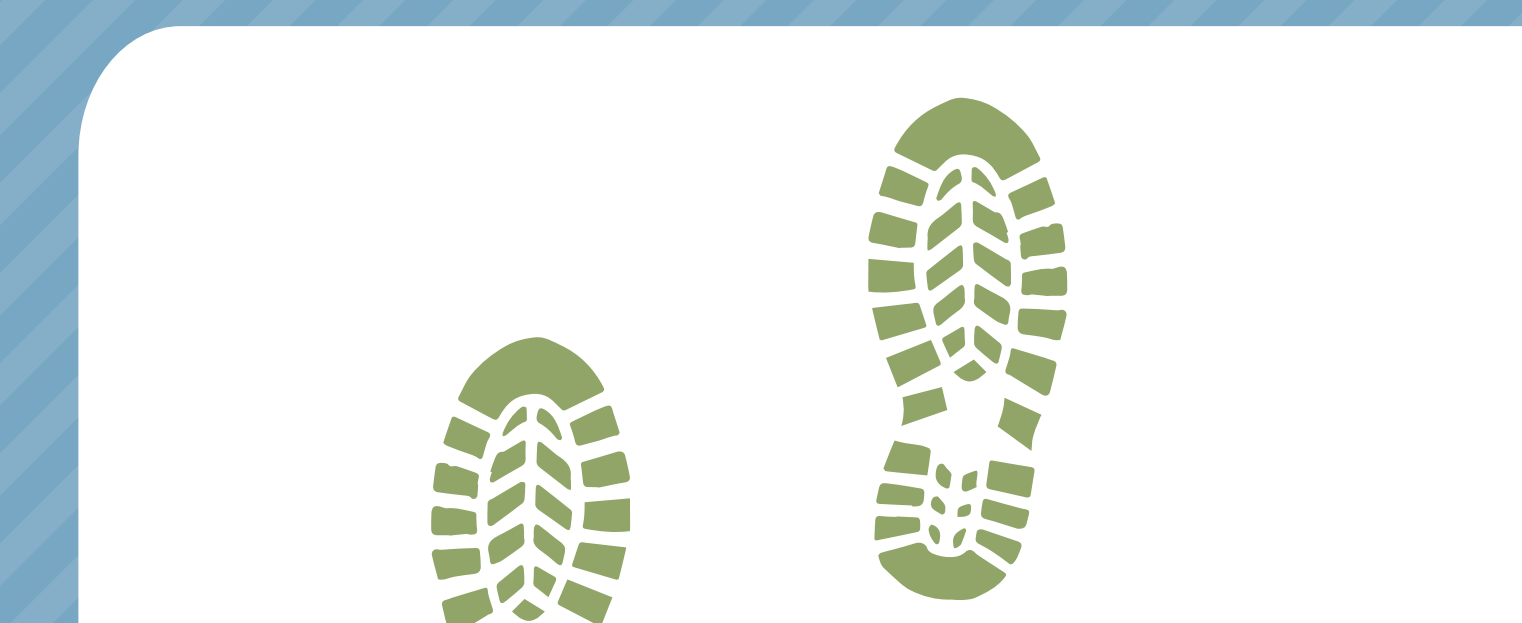


Cohort 21 is a year-long professional development opportunity for CIS Ontario educators. Its mission is to build a community of passionate teachers interested in refining and redesigning their practice through the exploration of new pedagogies, ideas and tools.



YOUR FIRST STEP

Wondering if Cohort 21 is for you? Candidates do not need technology skills, just a passion for learning and a commitment to shifting their practice. Registration for Cohort 21 opens in August. CIS Ontario Schools may submit educators from any grade, department or role. The Cohort 21 experience runs from October to April. It is made up of four face to face sessions inter-connected by rich online discussion and supported by our team of facilitators and coaches.



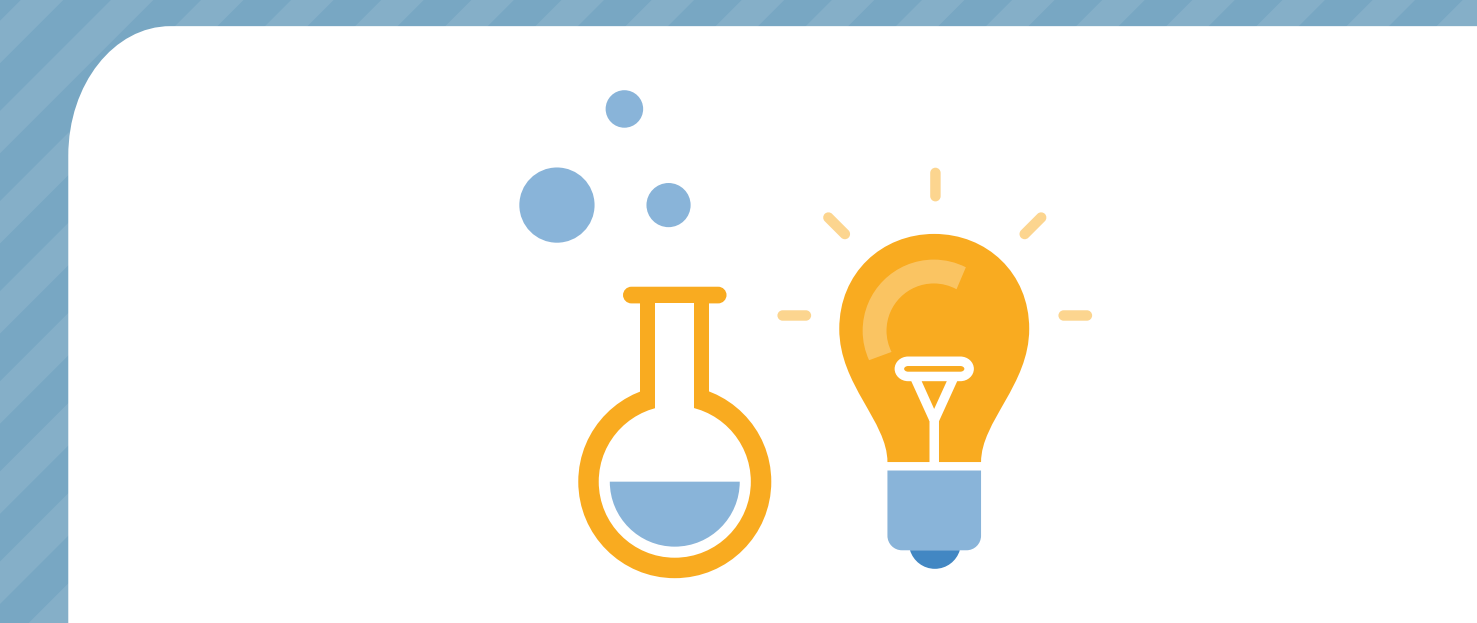
BUILDING COMMUNITY

The first face-to-face session is dedicated to building relationships and community within the cohort. It is here that we setup the framework and mindset for the year. This session is also about professional learning networks and the tools that enable them. Participants walk away with a new toolkit and community with whom to connect, collaborate and learn.



DESIGN THINKING

It is in the second face-to-face session that the "Action Plan" is launched and innovation begins. Through the use of Design Thinking protocols members are asked to think deeply about their students and identify a challenge that needs addressing. The day concludes with each member publishing their thinking to their Cohort 21 blog opening up each Action Plan for personalized feedback and support.



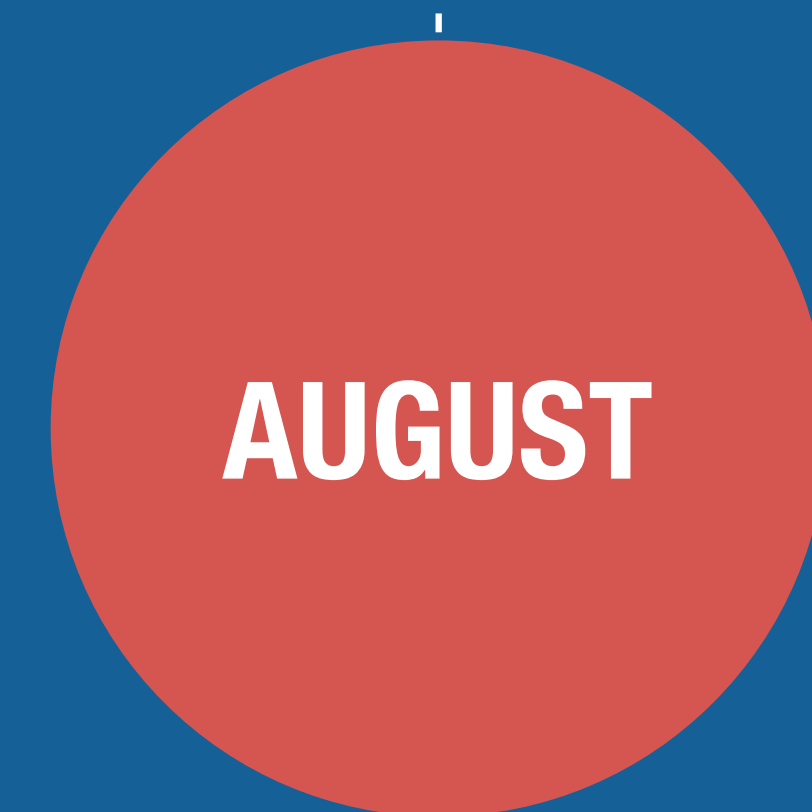
INNOVATION

Each year the third face to face session is held at a non-school location. Over the years Cohort 21 has formed unique partnerships with many different start ups and organizations. Throughout the day members will hear from special guests, thought leaders and Cohort 21 alumni to help ignite further inspiration and support the action plan process.



THE END OF THE BEGINNING

The final face-to-face session is a celebration of learning. Cohort members connect in small groups to share and reflect on their action plan journeys with an eye to the future. They make plans to continue growing together and roadmap how they will bring their experience back to their own schools. The day ends just as the Cohort 21 experience began: with a commitment to refining practice and exploring new pedagogies and tools.



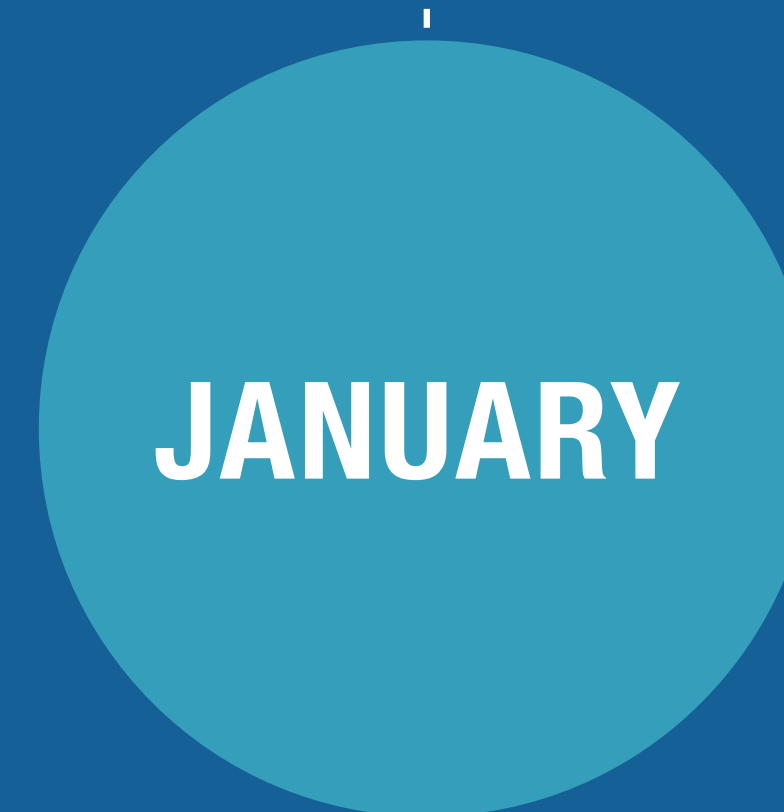
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