



Finding the Catalyst for the Education Revolution!

Alternative Education Resource Organization Conference

August 1-5, 2012 in Portland, Oregon

A five-day long, international gathering of public and alternative educators, parents, students, innovators, activists, and journalists to network and share how to catalyze a learner-centered education revolution in schools and communities around the world.

The 9th annual Alternative Education Resource Organization Conference, a five-day long event promoting alternative education will bring together leading minds and innovators in Portland, Oregon to create a networking space to discuss alternative models of education.

The conference will bring together public school teachers, homeschooling advocates, democratic educators, progressive educators, libertarian educators, and others from virtual, cooperative, and alternative learning environments. By highlighting practical ways that individuals and groups can work in and out of traditional schools to change education, attendees will be able to make learning environments more useful, responsive, and participatory.

“This is the time for an education revolution,” said Jerry Mintz, Director of the Alternative Education Resource Organization, the non-profit organizing the event. Matt Dale, a public school teacher from California said, “The revolution cannot exist only in the margins of private alternative education, it must be mainstream.”

Featuring a roster of globally-recognized and local grassroots keynote speakers, conference attendees will hear from Sir Ken Robinson (whose TEDtalks have been viewed by over 200 million people online), Naomi Aldort (international attachment parenting expert), Yaacov Hecht (international democratic education consultant), and a special panel from Occupy Portland’s Our School project which will share practical skills and methods for conference attendees to spur on the education revolution in their own communities.

Public school teachers attending the conference will be able to select from over 45 skill-building workshops and informational panels, from implementing democratic practices in public school classrooms to the rights of children in school to leadership training for school administrators. Professional development certificates will be offered for 6hrs/day of conference attendance. Special group and individual rate are available for public school teachers.

For further information write to Jerry Mintz at info@educationrevolution.org. Register at www.educationrevolution.org/conference.

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