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SDC is presenting Wednesday Webinars from February through June — hour-long programs focusing on professional learning topics and NSDC member services.

Join professional learning leaders for webinars on:

- · Assessing professional development needs,
- · Designs for professional learning,
- Designing professional development workshops,
- Engaging adult learners, and more.

NSDC staff members will also guide attendees through topics such as delivering great conference sessions, the online conference registration process, and exploring NSDC's web site.

Wednesday Webinars are hosted in the NSDC Learning Exchange, the online learning platform that features live meetings as well as discussion forums, a re-

Carol François
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NSDC learning
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conference
attendee
preparation.
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source library, live chats, and more. Following each live webinar, attendees can continue their learning experience by engaging facilitators in follow-up discussions in our forum.

Webinar attendees receive permanent access to the Learning Exchange public forums, where they can engage in conversations about professional learning topics and issues, network with like-minded professionals, and access valuable NSDC resources as a member of the Learning Exchange.

Several webinars will be offered at no charge, while others cost \$69. NSDC members receive a discount, as do those who register for more than one paid webinar at a time. The full schedule is online.

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Explore video clips that bring NSDC's definition to life at the elementary, middle, and high school levels, and also see NSDC's leaders explain what NSDC's definition of professional development means for schools and districts. Thanks to the School Improvement Network for their support of this project.

CHECK OUT JOELLEN KILLION'S POSTING

www.nsdc.org /learningblog/

Joellen Killion writes about professional learning for 21st-century skills. From her posting:

The buzz about 21st-century learning skills for teachers and students is gaining momentum, with good reason. Yet



Joellen Killion

parallel with the call for increasing 21st-century skills are questions about professional learning for implementing these skills in classrooms.

- What kind of professional learning will teachers need to become 21st-century educators?
- **How will we** equip teachers to use and teach 21st-century learning skills?
- How must professional learning change to meet the demand for 21st-century learning skills?

Other recent blog posts cover:

- Professional learning's respect problem and
- The importance of spreading good news about professional development.

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