New podcast series features Learning Forward leaders

Learning Forward has partnered with myPD Unplugged to launch an eight-part "Thought Leader"



podcast series. The first episode is a conversation with Valeria Brown, a Learning Forward board member who is professional development manager at Teaching

Valeria Brown

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founder of #ClearTheAir, a body of educators who believe that community, learning, and dialogue are essential to personal and professional growth.

In this episode, "Social Justice Teaching 101: Equity, Social Justice, and Implementing Anti-Biased Instruction in the Classroom," Brown unpacks the implications of social justice teaching in public education.

Other episodes feature Thomas Guskey, Jim Knight, Joellen Killion, Courtlandt Butts, Doug Reeves, Fred Brown, and Tracy Crow. Each episode includes a facilitation guide.

Find the podcasts at **podcasts.** apple.com/us/podcast/mypdunplugged/id1345000344.



Members of the Chicago Host Committee are: (see key below) 1. Gwen Zimmermann, 2. Barbara Georges, 3. Chimille Dillard, 4. Lindsay Kiraly, 5. Jenni Turner, 6. Jill Geocaris, 7. Sarah Mumm, 8. Lisa Skellv, 9. Karla McAdam, 10. Jill Meciej, 11. Ankhe Bradlev, 12. Lisa Jackson, 13. Brooke Wozniak, and 14. Jill Maras. Not pictured: **Kim Moody** and advisor **Cathy Berlinger** Gustafson.



ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2020 UPDATE

The Chicago Host Committee is preparing for the 2020 Annual Conference, to be held Dec. 5-9 in Chicago, Illinois. Proposal scoring volunteers meet in Glendale Heights, Illinois, during February to score over 700 proposals. From there, Learning Forward's staff and special guests will build the concurrent session program. Innovate for Impact is this year's conference theme. For more information, visit **conference.learningforward.org.**

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