

# Distributed Learning: New Tools for Health Promotion

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# What is DL?

- Is not just DE
- Is not just the web
- Is integrative regarding technologies
- Is centred around human exchanges
- Is principally a collaborative context

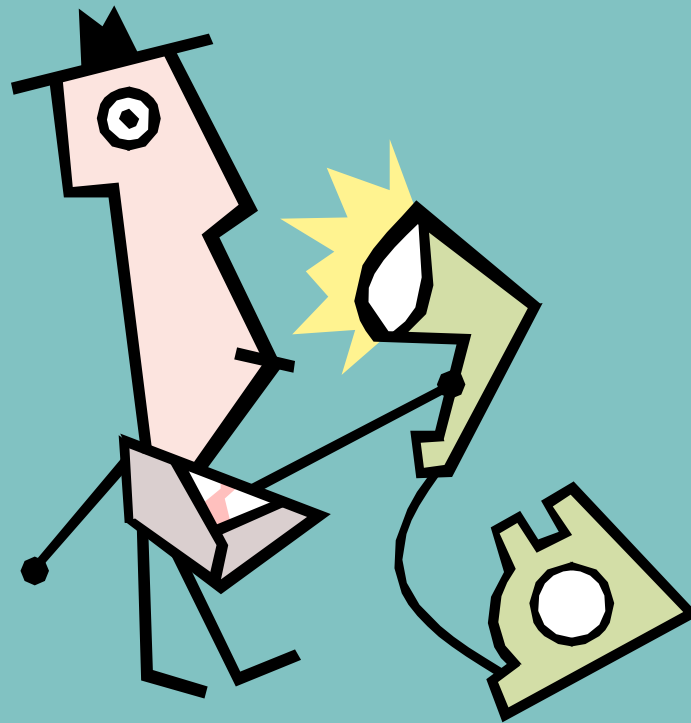
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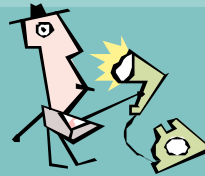
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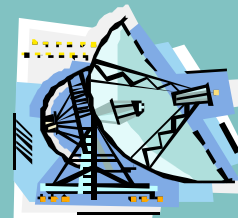
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# Central to DL?



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PROCESS**



# Contexts for DL?

- Not just higher education
- Workplace learning
- Community-based learning

# Workplace DL contexts

- On-the-job, “just-in-time” learning.
  - Improvement of skills, knowledge, attitudes in real-world, real-time contexts.
  - Modular, customizable, self-paced, self-directed, peer-supported, expert resourced.

# Community-based DL contexts

- Information
- Education
- Research
- Action

# Point of using DL?

- Change or transformation of something...
  - People (knowledge, skills, attitudes)
  - Organizations (practices, processes, policies)
  - Communities (informed engagement & action)

For the purposes of promoting growth, health,  
and vitality



# Implications for PRHPRC?

- Today's activities...
  - “...establishing the context of how the PRHPRC might contribute to health promotion activities and communities in the future.”
  - Implications for both *scholarship* and *practice* of health promotion

# Implications for PRHPRC?

- Scholarly activities...
  - Planning for effective use of DL technologies and processes
  - Forensic analyses regarding utility for participants and/or communities
  - Role of leadership, collaboration, facilitation
  - Analyses of both products and processes

# Implications for PRHPRC?

- Practitioner activities...
  - Use DL and associated technologies to expand the number of communities engaged in the process
  - Encourage the development of information access and knowledge creation skills in local participants and communities.

# Discussion?

- How do you see DL being used in the future to realize your research and/or practitioner goals regarding Prairie Regional Health Promotion?
- How do you see DL being used by the communities you study and/or serve for the purposes of health promotion?