

# Learning Together: The ABCD Way

*A Gathering for Practitioners to Share What We Know...  
And What We Don't.*

*Join us June 6-8<sup>th</sup> in Chicago, IL as we use open space  
technology and world café conversations to discover:*

- ✧ What are we each learning about what works?
- ✧ What doesn't work?
- ✧ What are the questions we are living?
- ✧ What are the stories we should be sharing?
- ✧ How do we build sustainable supportive communities of practice?

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Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
The Catalyst Ranch - Downtown Chicago, IL  
656 W. Randolph St., Suite 3W

- ✧ Cost: \$500 advanced registration,  
\$550 after May 6, 2010
- ✧ Registration includes all breakfasts and  
lunches, plus one networking event and all  
materials
- ✧ Hotel Group Rate available at the Club  
Quarters, Loop location -only \$134/night!  
*(Rate only guaranteed through May 6, please book early)*

This event will activate and support a  
deeper ABCD Community of Practice by  
themes, by sectors, and by regions.

- ✧ We invite and encourage people of all  
levels of ABCD experience to attend. Every  
perspective is valuable and needed!
- ✧ We want everyone to be here as a learner  
and a teacher. Opportunities to share your  
work will be built into the agenda.
- ✧ We urge practitioners from every sector  
around the world to join us in Chicago!

*Registration will open March 15<sup>th</sup>, please visit [www.thecommuniverse.com](http://www.thecommuniverse.com)  
or [www.abcdinstitute.org](http://www.abcdinstitute.org) for more information.*

**Space is  
limited!**



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# Registration Form

Please email, fax (847.467.4140) or mail back to reserve your spot today!

## General Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Lodging and Meals

I have made sleeping arrangements at: \_\_\_\_\_  
I have the following dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

## Forum and Events

Topics that are of particular interest to me: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like time on the agenda to speak about my work (10 mins): YES NO

Tell us about your presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

I intend to attend the networking event on Sunday evening: YES NO

I would like to be included in a directory of participants: YES NO

***Please email a photo and short bio/description of your work to [daciajean@gmail.com](mailto:daciajean@gmail.com) by June 1, 2010 to be included in the directory!***

The cost for this learning forum is \$500, which includes lunch on Sunday, breakfast & lunch on Monday & breakfast on Tuesday (dinners are on your own), one networking event on Sunday evening, and materials. Please pay via Paypal or with a check payable to CommUniversity. Register and Pay Online at [www.thecommuniverse.com](http://www.thecommuniverse.com)

# Forum Agenda Outline

## ***Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>***

Registration opens at 11am

Lunch at noon

Opening Remarks at 1pm

Workshops from 2-5pm

Networking event at 6pm

## ***Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>***

Breakfast begins at 8am

Workshops from 9-12pm

Lunch at noon

Workshops from 1-5pm

Organized group dinner (self-pay) at 6pm

## ***Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>***

Breakfast begins at 8am

Workshop and next steps from 9-12pm

Closing remarks and wrap-up at noon

Forum ends at 1pm

*The agenda for this event will be customized for the participants, please indicate on your registration whether you would like time on the agenda, a brief description of the work you are presenting, and what topics you would find most relevant to the work you are doing. A more detailed agenda, including workshop descriptions, will become available as the event approaches.*

# Information Packet

## FORUM SITE INFORMATION:

The Forum will be held at The Catalyst Ranch.

656 W. Randolph, Suite 3W, Chicago, IL 60661 • (312) 207-1710 • Fax (312) 207-1712

Get Here from There!

Public Transportation

By CTA:

Green & Pink Lines/Clinton Stop

Blue Line/Grand Stop

Brown Line/Washington Stop

See a full transit map at

[http://www.transitchicago.com/assets/1/clickable\\_system\\_map/200806D.htm](http://www.transitchicago.com/assets/1/clickable_system_map/200806D.htm)

For directions from either airport using the CTA check out the CTA's Trip Planner:

<http://www.transitchicago.com>

**By Train:**

North Western Station/Metra/

Ogilvie Transportation Center Amtrak/Metra/Union Station

Driving Directions

**From O'Hare:** Take 90/94 (Kennedy Expressway) East. Take the Washington exit. Turn left. Go east 2 blocks to Jefferson. Turn left. Go one block to Randolph. Turn left. Catalyst Ranch will be on your right, the last building before the expressway.

**From Midway:** Turn right onto Cicero Ave. heading North. Enter onto I-55 (Stevenson Expressway) North. Merge onto 90/94 (Kennedy Expressway) West. Take the Lake Street exit. Turn right. Go one block to Des Plaines. Turn right. Go one block to Randolph. Turn right. Catalyst Ranch will be on your right, the last building before the expressway.

**From Western Suburbs:** Take the Eisenhower Expressway. Merge onto 90/94 (Kennedy Expressway) West. Take the Lake Street exit. Turn right. Go one block to Des Plaines. Turn right. Go one block to Randolph. Turn right. Catalyst Ranch will be on your right, the last building before the expressway.

**Note:**

An intercom is to the left of the building door. Please punch in #300 and we will buzz you in. Take the elevator in the lobby to 3W or 4E. The elevator opens directly into our space.

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## TRAVEL INFORMATION:

Participants are responsible for the costs associated with travel and accommodations.

### **Hotel Accommodations:**

A block of sleeping rooms at the Club Quarters, 111 W Adams St., has been set aside for registrants at a special rate:

Standard Room (1 queen bed): \$134/night

You may want to inquire about "Club Rooms" which are junior rooms and can be less expensive than a Standard Room.

Please make your reservations BEFORE MAY 6th by calling the hotel directly at (212) 575-0006, we cannot guaranteed any rates after May 6th . Identify yourself as being with Northwestern University, use group code: NWU001. Please note there is a \$15.00 per extra person per room. City of Chicago hotel tax is 15.4%.

### **Meals:**

Breakfast and lunch are provided during the Forum. Dinner is on your own. There will be one networking event on Sunday evening, which is being arranged and is included in the cost of the learning event. Please indicate on your registration any special dietary concerns.

### **Ground Transportation:**

The Club Quarters is located in the heart of downtown Chicago, near the Willis (Sears) Tower, and just steps from Michigan Avenue, Millennium Park and Lake Michigan. Taxi service from either O'Hare International Airport or Midway Airport will cost approximately \$40 (single occupancy), depending on which airport and the time of day (rush hour could be significantly more). We suggest you opt for public transportation, which is quick, easy and only costs \$2.25. Visit: [www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com) for system maps and other information.

### **Climate/Dress Code:**

In early June, the average high temperature in Chicago is 76° with an average low of 56°. The recommended dress code is business casual, however, please keep in mind that personal comfort ranges vary, and meeting rooms tend to be chilly, so please bring a jacket or sweater.

### **Chicago Information:**

For general city info, please visit: <http://www.explorechicago.org/city/en.html> The 2010 Gospel Music Festival will be held on June 5 & 6 in Millennium Park. For more info on Chicago happenings, please visit: <http://www.chicagofestivals.net/>

# Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Where will the Forum be held?

A: **At The Catalyst Ranch**, located at 656 W. Randolph, Suite 3W (please do not come to the ABCD Institute, which is nearly 10 miles from the hotel!)

Q: Where should I stay while in Chicago?

A: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Club Quarters, 111 W. Adams St. Please reserve your room by May 6<sup>th</sup> to receive the group rate! You can always cancel if you find that you are unable to attend.

Q: How far is the Club Quarters from The Catalyst Ranch? Can I walk there?

A: Yes, you can walk so hopefully the weather will cooperate! It is about 1 mile from the hotel to the Forum site and it should take you about 20 minutes to walk. However, we will make arrangements with our local paratransit service to provide transportation for those who need assistance getting back and forth. There is a map on the next page.

Q: I would like to pay with a check, is that okay?

A: Yes, please mail your payment and registration form to:

CommUniversity  
1223 W. Greenleaf, #3S  
Chicago, IL 60626

Q: Who should I call if I get lost or need assistance during the Forum?

A: The event host is Dacia Chrzanowski, her cell phone number is 312-925-1351. Non emergencies that are related to the City, please dial 311.

Q: Do I have to attend the networking/social event on Sunday?

A: No, but please indicate on your registration that you do not intend to participate, so we can have an accurate headcount.

Q: What about meals?

A: Breakfast and lunch is provided during the event. Dinner is on your own, however we will be organizing a group dinner for Monday night that you can join.

Q: I have food allergies or issues, will that be a problem?

A: No, please indicate on your registration form any food issues we should be made aware of.

Q: Are there scholarships or other financial assistances available?

A: Unfortunately, there are no funds available to assist with your participation costs. However, we are happy to work with you to identify other potential solutions or arrangements to allay costs. We know times are tough!