



ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH OF QUEBEC

SPRINGBOARDS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2008

Dear Educator,

The theme for this year's Conference is "**Creating Connections**". Our goal is to give our participants, 21st Century educators, the opportunity to gather in a relaxed, appealing setting and to encourage them to make connections with new people and new ideas in the areas of literacy, oracy and media. As educators, we structure our teaching to optimize the conditions that favor learning. In turn, we are nurtured through connections that help us to become aware of what others are doing in the field....a chance to "look over the fence". We hope that this year's participants will come away from the experience with some valuable ideas (as well as some pleasant memories) to reflect on and to incorporate into their practice. We invite practitioners and theoreticians to share their expertise in the teaching of English Language Arts.

The conference will take place on **Monday April 7, 2008** at the **Sheraton Hotel** in **downtown Montreal**. It will consist of a wide variety of workshops and many guest speakers from which delegates may choose according to their interests.

Each proposal should be outlined on the attached form with an explanation of no more than 75 words. Please describe the content of the presentation in a clear manner and include the major topic to be explored, any minor topics, the audience, and if and how the audience will be involved (in the *summary of proposal* section). Also include any technical equipment needed, and special room set-up, if required, in the appropriate sections. When more than one person is presenting, names and addresses of additional persons should be included on a separate sheet of paper.

A workshop provides the opportunity for a presenter to work with participants, helping them to develop new skills and to apply new strategies. For those choosing to animate a workshop, please keep in mind that the description submitted should clearly state what key experiences are planned to involve participants, and for which audience the workshop is designed.

Please note that Springboards *cannot reimburse* participants for substitution, travel, lodging, or meals; nor can they offer honoraria. The Planning Committee hopes that your invitation to serve as a program participant and free registration will help persuade your institution to support your participation as part of your professional role.

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