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## Designing Connected Research for Equity and Justice: Building Partnerships through Collaborative Inquiry and Participatory Practice

Today's divisive and inequitable social and political context highlights the urgent need for educational research that elevates the voices, concerns, and humanity of youth, teachers, and communities. With the rise of Trump, Brexit, and threats of "fake news," the necessity for research that allows a multitude of voices to dialogue productively and empathetically about issues of public concern is more pressing than ever.

As researchers, how can our work occur with rather than for young people and educators by utilizing tools of networking, production, and connection? Building upon the principles of connected learning, this workshop offers strategies for designing research that treats youth and teachers as knowledge producers oriented toward social action and justice as they navigate digital and analog environments.

These presenters, who engage in community-based inquiry in formal and informal educational settings across the country, will offer strategies for developing more inclusive research approaches with youth, teachers, district administrators and other local stakeholders in today's learning ecology. Using a framework of partnering as a foundation, this workshop will look at how to build toward youth participatory action research (YPAR) and design based implementation research (DBIR) as approaches to scholarship that challenge traditional paradigms of learning in schools, classrooms, communities, and digital spaces.



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