

# Leading Maker Learning

A professional learning cohort for district and school leaders, coaches, and teachers



## Program Overview

The Maker Learning Leadership Cohort is a collaborative professional learning experience for educators working to create or expand programs to provide inclusive maker learning experiences for all their students. Through a combination of in-person convenings, online webinars, and virtual office hours, cohort members will learn with and from each other and a Digital Promise coach as they establish their program goals, build a maker culture in their school or district, and create powerful learning experiences for all students.

Contact us at [learning@digitalpromise.org](mailto:learning@digitalpromise.org) to learn more.

## Earn Micro-credentials

This program supports educators to demonstrate their learning and receive recognition through earning the [Getting Started with Making](#) stack of [micro-credentials](#).



## Workshop 1: Designing Inclusive and Sustainable Maker Learning Programs

Participants will use the [Digital Promise Maker Learning Leadership Framework](#) to take stock of their current offerings, explore opportunities for more meaningful making, develop an understanding of how to create inclusive maker learning experiences, and develop a roadmap for extending these opportunities to all learners.

## Workshop 2: Observing the Hands-On Classroom and Sprinting Through Challenges

Participants will learn strategies for observing and providing actionable feedback for maker educators that consider how space, materials, and collaboration affect learning in makerspaces. Participants will then identify a challenge that has surfaced in the development of their maker program. Using the SCRUM method for engineering-design, they will rapidly develop, prototype, and deploy new solutions to keep their programs moving forward.

## Coaching and PLC: Defining and Meeting Program Goals

After the first workshop, participants will continue to develop their maker learning program roadmaps and define target metrics for measuring their progress. They will meet online monthly for collaboration and feedback with the cohort and coach and may also schedule individual coaching with their Digital Promise coach. After the second workshop, participants will deploy and test solutions and new program components developed during that workshop. Online meetings during the second half of the cohort year will be dedicated to feedback and iteration based on continued measured progress towards program goals. The final cohort meeting, either an online meeting or an additional in-person convening, will support participants in charting their course for the future development of their maker learning program in subsequent years.

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