

## **Session for ACU Leadership Conference:**

### **Personalising Learning: An Enquiry into Self Directed Models of Learning**

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The aim of schools is to enable all students to manage themselves as individuals and in relation to others, to understand the world in which they live, and to act effectively in that world. In a rapidly evolving world, all schools are engaged in ongoing processes to develop relevant learning for students to meet these aims. One of the key challenges facing schools is how to personalise learning for every individual student. A model which is achieving this purpose with an extraordinarily high degree of success is Self Directed Learning. In 2006, Brian and Max led a group of 25 educators to Canada to look at this model in practice at schools in Calgary, Edmonton and Toronto. In this session, the presenters will share their experiences of the Canadian trip and offer insights into the key elements which make this model so effective. They will also discuss the development of the Innovating Schools Network, a group formed to support significant educational innovations.