

# 2021 OCEA Fall Symposium – A Virtual Success!

A huge thank you to all those that participated in our recent **2021 Virtual OCEA Fall Symposium** held on October 1, 2021.

This year's focus was providing information and resources for new(er) Cooperative Education teachers. **THANK YOU / KUDOS TO ALL THE WORKSHOP PRESENTERS!** Without our presenters there wouldn't be an event to plan.



Attendance at our **2021 Virtual OCEA Fall Symposium** exceeded the expectations of the planning committee and feedback from the completed survey forms were very positive. The feedback assists us in improving and planning for our future events! Overall, we had 191 delegates attending 14 workshops with over 19 workshop presenters and 8 sponsors.

Robert Fleming (Communications Officer) and Vincent B nard (Director-at-Large, French) were the symposium master of ceremonies, and they kept everyone informed and entertained between workshops and throughout the event.

The workshops were recorded and are now available to current OCEA members in the [RESOURCES+ > Teachers \(Members Only\)](#) area on our [website](#). There are also a few PDF files that were provided by some of the workshop presenters and those are available in the [RESOURCES+ > Teachers \(Members Only\) DOWNLOADS](#) section area as well. [NOTE: You must be signed into your online OCEA account and have a current OCEA membership to access this information.](#)

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## SOME FEEDBACK FROM OUR DELEGATES

### WHAT DID YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM?

*Practical workshop offerings: info / activities / pedagogy that can be used right away in the classroom - participants left the symposium with something that can be used immediately.*

*The option as a new Co-op teacher to learn about health and safety and assessment.*

*Variety of topics and the fact that they will be posted on OCEA website for review later.*

*OSBIE and risk management information.*

*Well organized event - looking forward to the next one!*

*I enjoyed the ministry update about the **Work Education Agreement (WEA)** - they were very helpful and timely.*

*Well organized, good length, good timing in the day.*

*That it was still offered. Online is better than not at all.*

*I'm a new Co-op teacher so all the workshops were very informative.*

*No ceilings on attending sessions.*

*Topics presented and the "greeters" for each presenter.*

*The presenters were very knowledgeable and able to answer questions. The variety of workshops was good although for a new Co-op teacher I would have liked to have attended them all...*

*The session on health and safety. Relevant and real-life examples shared.*

*Ability to connect with other Co-op teachers.*

*The CO-OP Toolkit / Resource Kit! Wow! Wow! Wow!*



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## **WHAT DID YOU LEAST LIKE ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM?**

*Although the presentations were excellent, it was quite a lot of information for one day.*

*... more variety can never hurt.*

*It finished a bit late for me...*

*Technology issues... no one's fault just tech!*

*I think some topics need more explaining / unpacking. There continues to be general confusion / apprehension around certain topics / programing.*

*The lack of French workshops.*

*Virtual hospitality isn't nearly as satisfying.*

*That it could not be in person :(*

*A full day of sitting at the computer is hard. If there is any way to split up the symposium for the next time, that would be great.*

*No time to talk with colleagues and share best practices. It's much easier to do so in person.*

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