

April 3 – 6, 2008

NETWORK CLUSTER PROGRAM

Toronto (Scarborough), Ontario

Hosted by Wexford Collegiate School for the Arts

*International NETWORK of
Schools for the Advancement
of Arts Education*

Q: What is the Cluster Program?

A: NETWORK's annual Cluster Program is a leadership colloquium designed for professionals in the field to share insights as they examine the host institution's work, visit with significant leaders in the field, and explore links with vital support organizations. Benefiting from small group interaction, the Cluster Program prompts participants to engage in learning through a variety of such experiences. This spring in Toronto will mark 20 years of the annual mini-conference, an action-oriented experience largely self-directed by participating NETWORK colleagues and, thereby, always a success.

Q: How to participate?

A: All Network members are invited to participate in Cluster Program's annual mini-conference. See the important registration note below.* The site of the next year's Cluster Program is selected by participants, with an agenda developed to explore the host program and its relationship to community, to focus on significant leaders with valuable experience worth sharing, or to learn about relevant support organizations – all within an ongoing meeting structure that provides for nearly continuous dialog among participants.

Q: What's the general schedule this year?

A: Plan to check in Thursday by 6 pm to meet for dinner, to spend all day Friday investigating instructional programs at Wexford Collegiate School for the Arts in Toronto (Scarborough), Ontario: <http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/wexfordci/> and <http://www.wexfordperformingarts.com/>. Follow-up discussion and an overview of community relationships will highlight Saturday's activities, with a pertinent cultural experience Saturday evening and a wrap-up session early Sunday.

Q: Registration procedure and costs?

A: There is no registration fee and all costs of attendance are handled individually by participants. Participants must confirm attendance at least one (1) week in advance to facilitate planning and to take advantage of special hotel rates.

***IMPORTANT: Confirm intention to attend by contacting both (1) the site coordinator and (2) the chairperson no later than Wednesday, March 26th:**

1. Site coordinator, Wexford Collegiate School for the Arts:

Catherine Thompson (2002 and 2003 NETWORK President), cath.thompson@gmail.com, (416) 396-6874 x20020. [During spring break March 9-16, please email only.]

2. Cluster Program chairperson:

John Otis (1996 and 1997 NETWORK President): john_otis@bellsouth.net, 504-237-8142.