



## Upcoming Events

### Making a Difference: BL Speaker Series

January 14th, 1:30 pm ADT: **Designing for Wellbeing: Socio-emotional learning, Biowearable Technologies, and Ethics**

We are pleased to announce our next speaker series session with professor Alissa N. Antle.

Alissa N. Antle is a professor in the School of Interactive Arts and Technology at Simon Fraser University. As an innovator and scholar, her research investigates how new forms of interactive technologies can support, change, and augment the ways that children learn, develop, and connect.

In this session, Alissa will share an overview of the Mind-Full project, describe some of the ethical issues that arose during the project and introduce a new bio-wearable "maker" workshop for children in which children can learn more about designing and thinking ethically about bio-wearables.



Learn more and register Individually or as a Group [HERE](#)

Grade 7 and up

Read Brilliant Labs Magazine: Making Connections

## Join in on the Conversation

### PLACE-BASED IMAGINATIVE AND ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION



Natural Maker Speaker - Clayton Maitland, founder and the first principal of the only 100% outdoor PUBLIC school in Canada and is an educator in 'place-conscious' and ecological practices. Clayton Maitland has been an active outdoorsman his whole life.

He believes that a person has to participate in activities and fully experience them to understand them, and to understand nature, one has to be immersed in nature.

**January 26th 8pm ADT**

Learn more and register Individually or as a Group [HERE](#)



INSPIRATION MAKER:

Do you know a teacher who inspires students by trying new teaching methods, projects, technology, or other hands-on learning activities? If so, email [info@brilliantlabs.ca](mailto:info@brilliantlabs.ca) SUBJECT: Inspiration Maker, to be recognized in our monthly newsletter & social media channels. Remember to tell us why & include a photo!



## More Upcoming Events

### Asynchronous Professional Learning

Our team of Brilliant Pedagogues led by Natacha Vautour, Alisha Collins, and Jacob Lingley developed a series of 22 sessions available to teachers from across Atlantic Canada.

[View Here](#) or contact [jacob@brilliantlabs.ca](mailto:jacob@brilliantlabs.ca)

### Monthly Coding Challenges

This year Brilliant Labs will be challenging teachers and students to code stories, games, apps, robots, and more! Visit [brilliantlabs.ca/nscodes](https://brilliantlabs.ca/nscodes) monthly for new code-to-learn challenges and resources!



### Natural Making and Outdoor Education

Are you looking for help implementing outdoor education with your curricular outcomes? Let us help you! Please contact [michelle@brilliantlabs.ca](mailto:michelle@brilliantlabs.ca) for more information and see how you can get started with [Natural Making!](#)

## Inspiration Makers!



This year Brilliant Labs is looking for those teachers who inspire others to be their best, and who are taking chances to try new things to educate students. We're pleased to share this month's Nova Scotia "Inspiration Maker!"

WHO: ALEX MCPHERSON

WHERE: SAMBRO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TWITTER: @ALEXMCPHERSON7

Alex is always integrating innovative projects into his grade 5/6 classroom. He promotes risk taking, and learning through challenging work. Through a Brilliant Labs funding grant, Alex and his class created paper circuit holiday greeting cards that light up with LED light bulbs! If that wasn't enough, they used Makey Makey so the card could read itself out loud. Thank you for being a champion for hands-on learning, Mr. McPherson!



## FREE Virtual After School Sessions

Free virtual after school programs for a variety of interests being offered Daily from 4-5pm Atlantic From Jan 25th to March 31st.

**BUSINESS 101**

**BIO-MAKING**

**CYBER SECURITY**

**WEB DEVELOPMENT**

**UNREAL ENGINE**

**BUILD A YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

**CODING AND DIGITAL SKILLS PART 1 (INTRO)**

**CODING AND DIGITAL SKILLS PART 2**

Click [HERE](#) for more info and registration