

Annual Professional Learning Conference:

The Annual PSAANS Professional Learning Conference will take place on **Friday, October 28, 2022** beginning at 8:45 am.

Theme: Leading For Well-Being

Location: The Westin Nova Scotian, Halifax

Time: 8:45 am to 3:30 pm

Registration Fee: \$125.00 (payable on-line). Members should apply through Article 60 funding as per their Regional / CSAP funding guidelines.

On-line Registration: Available via www.psaans.ca today (September 6, 2022). Receipts will be issued upon registration.

Hotel Booking: A block of hotel rooms has been reserved at the Westin Nova Scotian for Thursday, October 27, 2022 and for Friday, October 28, 2022 (for those who require two nights). The rate per room is \$225.00 per night, plus applicable taxes. **To avail of the conference rate, hotel reservations are available immediately and will be available until Tuesday, September 27, 2022.** Any rooms not booked at that time will be released back to the hotel. Please use the link below to book your hotel room:

[Book your group rate for Public School Administrators Association of Nova Scotia Annual Conference](#)

If you prefer, you can call the hotel at 1-866-761-3513 to book your room.

Morning Keynote:

The morning keynote at 9:00 am will feature Dr. Andy Hargreaves. He is the Director of CHENINE (Change, Engagement, and Innovation in Education) at the University of Ottawa and Emeritus Professor at Boston

College, USA. He is the former President of the International Congress of School Effectiveness and Improvement 2018-2020, former Adviser in Education to the Premier of Ontario (2015-2018), and current adviser to the First Minister of Scotland. He has published more than 30 books and has eight Outstanding Writing Awards. Dr. Hargreaves has been honoured in Canada, the US and UK for services to public education and educational research and is ranked by US Education Week among the scholars with most influence on US education policy debate. He has delivered addresses in more than 50 countries, 47 US states and all Australian states and Canadian provinces. Among his



most recent books are *Five Paths of Student Engagement* (Solution Tree, June 2021) and *Well-Being in Schools* (ASCD December 2021) – both with Dennis Shirley – along with *Collaborative Professionalism* (Corwin, 2018), with Michael O'Connor.

Andy's current projects are concerned with play-based learning for high-needs students beyond the early years, funded by the LEGO Foundation. He is also working with Jess Whitley on evaluating the implementation of Nova Scotia's inclusion policy.

Morning Concurrent Sessions:

The morning concurrent sessions begin at 10:45 am. There are three concurrent sessions from which members can choose. There is no need to select a session ahead of time. Members can attend any of the sessions being offered. They are as follows:

- **Trauma-Sensitive Leadership** by Tom Hierck
- **Creating Brain Friendly Classrooms** by Dr. Karen Gazith

- **Leader informé au sujet des traumatismes** par Adela N'Jie

Session descriptions and presenter biographies are located on our website.

Afternoon Concurrent Sessions:

The afternoon concurrent sessions begin at 1:00 pm. There are three concurrent sessions from which members can choose. There is no need to select a session ahead of time. Members can attend any of the sessions being offered. They are as follows:

- **Trauma-Sensitive Leadership** by Tom Hierck (repeat of morning session)
- **Safe & Inclusive Schools** by Nolan Pike.
- **Une classe adapté au fonctionnement du cerveau** par Dre Karen Gazith

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Afternoon Keynote:



Our afternoon keynote at 2:30 pm will feature Nancy Regan. Nancy's life has revolved around communication since she was a child. She had to learn at a young age how to use her voice effectively - just to be heard in a family of six kids!

Writing became a passion as Nancy grew, and her love of language led to an English degree at St. FX University. However, her intended path to being a teacher diverged into television due to a lucky series of circumstances. At the ripe age of twenty-two, she became the co-host of Live at 5 - a news magazine with a viewership of over a quarter million.

Nancy's fifteen years hosting Live At 5 afforded her extraordinary experiences - including broadcasting from such varied events as the G-7 and the Academy Awards. She interviewed thousands of people, from individuals from all walks of life across the region to some of the world's biggest celebrities including Oprah, Madonna, Harrison Ford, Gwyneth Paltrow, and Christopher Plummer.

Since leaving Live at 5, Nancy's career has ranged from other TV hosting roles to professional speaking, podcasting, acting, and communication coaching. She has developed a passion for helping others recognize, embrace, and nurture their own light, and that morphed into her latest creative project - *From Showing Off to Showing Up: An Impostor's Journey From Perfect to Present*. It was published in May of 2022 and hit the national bestseller list within two weeks of its release. You can find Nancy online by tuning in to *The Canadian Love Map* podcast.

Conference Schedule:

7:45 am	Registration (Mezzanine Level)
8:45 am	Welcome / Greetings
9:00 am	Keynote – Dr. Andy Hargreaves
10:15 am	Nutrition Break
10:45 am	Concurrent Sessions (3 choices)
12:00 pm	Lunch (provided on-site)
1:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions (3 choices)
2:15 pm	Transition to Afternoon Keynote
2:30 pm	Keynote – Nancy Regan & Concluding Remarks

Annual General Meeting:

Please note that **the Annual General Meeting (AGM) is not part of our Annual Professional Learning Conference**. The virtual AGM will take place on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 4:00 pm. Details

regarding the AGM will be communicated to members
on September 27, 2022.