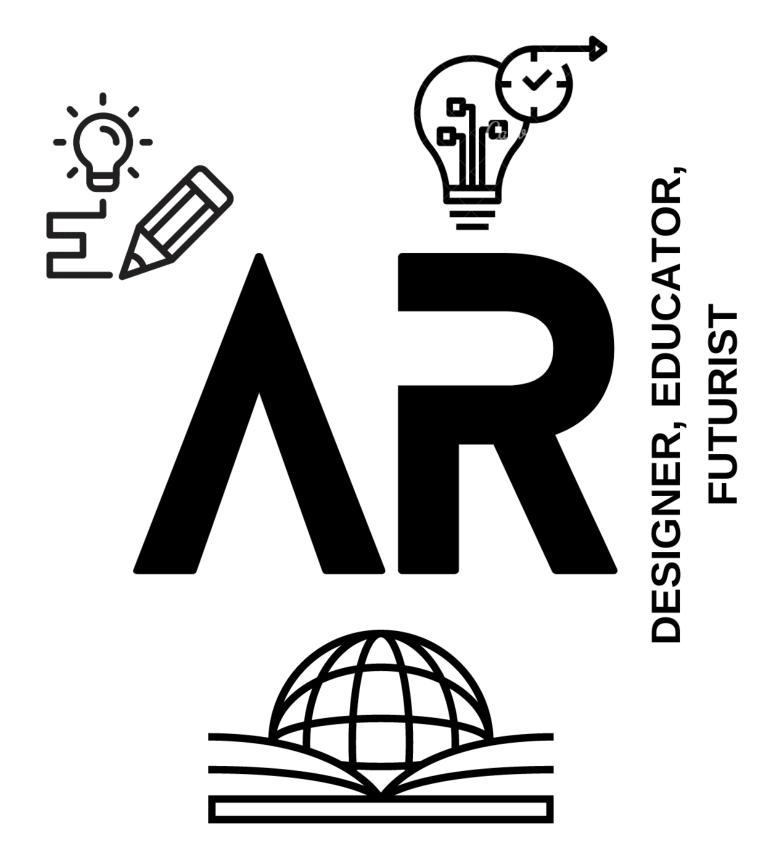
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- We will start the workshop soon
- Get as comfortable as you can

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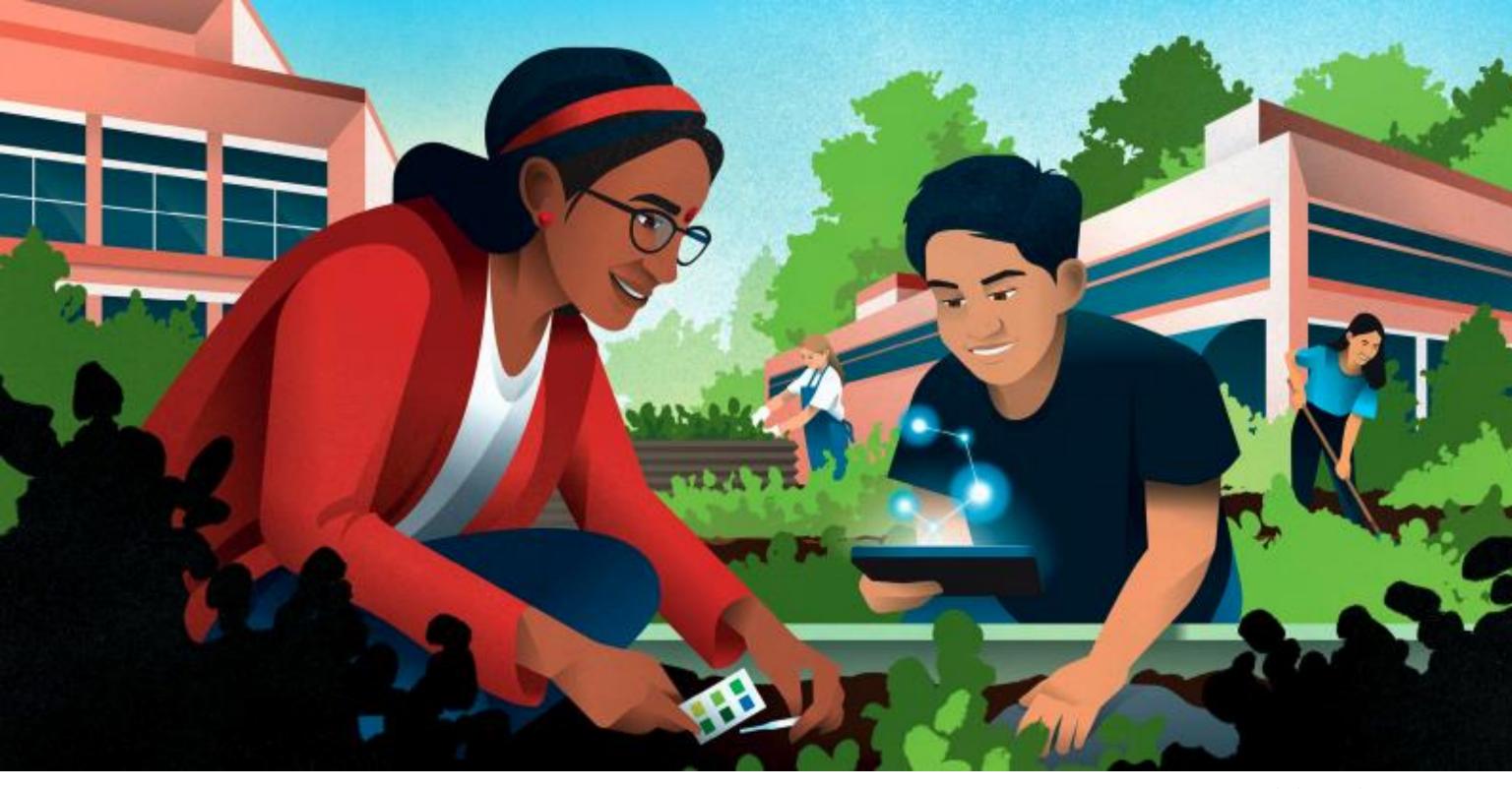
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- Stay curious about yourself and others
- Embrace your imagination
- Engage in yes/and thinking



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From Here to There



Instructions

- 1. Read
- 2. Reflect
- 3. Capture your answers to this question in Padlet:

What **professional development opportunities** could an educator pursue in the next ten years to become a successful Learning Spark Facilitator?

Learning Spark Facilitator

CLOSEST ROLES TODAY

- » Classroom teacher
- » Learning facilitator

ORGANIZATIONAL LEVEL

Physically or digitally present in a classroom or other learning environment alongside learners

RESPONSIBILITIES

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Learning spark facilitators are not required to be content experts.

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INDICATORS OF SUCCESS

The learning spark facilitator aims to:

- » Increase assigned young people's engagement in their own learning journeys
- » Help each of those learners recognize themselves as a valuable member of their learning community
- » Model a love of learning by sharing about their own learning and engaging alongside learners
- » Help learners reflect on their practice by observing key moments in their learning journeys
- » Seamlessly and efficiently integrate Al into daily tasks

Instructions

Now consider this question:

What would need to **change** in the next ten years **inside** _______ (school buildings, school districts, universities...) to support the development of successful Learning Spark Facilitators?

Capture your answers in Padlet

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Review the Padlet and answer *one* of these questions in the chat.

How are you planning on using what you learned in today's exploration?

How did your thinking shift based on your conversations in breakout rooms?

Thank you!

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