

Presentation Description:

Bullying.org, a Learning Journey –presented by Bill Belsey

This is a gripping multimedia presentation about bullying as seen through the eyes of many youth from across Canada and around world by www.bullying.org's creator, Bill Belsey. It will share a personal learning journey about bullying that has led to the creation of www.bullying.org, the multiple award-winning, number one bullying-related Website in the world. Peter Mansbridge, anchor of the CBC National News, referred to www.bullying.org as "One of the best Web site in the world for children."

This gripping 90-minute multimedia presentation will help attendees understand the nature of bullying, its effects on our society, share some of the world's best research on the topic of bullying, and offer some solutions.

www.bullying.org is a winner of the Childnet International Award that goes to projects that make the Internet a better place for children. www.bullying.org was also a finalist in the Stockholm Challenge awards that have been called "A Nobel Prize for the IT Society". www.bullying.org has nearly one million visitors from around the world each month. www.bullying.org is listed as the number one Web site about bullying on most major Internet search engines. Media around the world have featured www.bullying.org.

www.bullying.org has formed a partnership with Canada's family Channel that is seen in over five million Canadian homes via cable television. Family Channel will be working with www.bullying.org to raise awareness about bullying across Canada.

"*Bullying.org, a Learning Journey*" has been presented to enthusiastic audiences at conferences across Canada and around the world.

Bill Belsey: Introduction

Bill Belsey is one of Canada's most celebrated and visionary educators. His remarkable teaching career has included living and work with the Inuit of Canada's Arctic for nearly twenty years. While there, he introduced the very first computer into any Canadian Arctic schools. In the early 1990's he also helped to bring the Internet to the community of Rankin Inlet and established the very first Community Access Centre in the Canadian Arctic where one out of four people acquired their first e-mail accounts.

In 1997 Bill was chosen as one of a select group of visionary educators and community activists from around the world to become a member of the 2B1 Foundation at the M.I.T. Media Lab by co-founders Dr. Seymour Papert and Nicholas Negroponte.

In 1999 he conceived of and piloted a project called "Generations Can Connect" in honour of the United Nations Declaration of 1999 as the "International Year of the Older Persons" which has now been adopted by thousands of Canadian schools.

He is a winner of the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Technology. He is also a recipient of the Royal Bank Fellowship from the Mathematics, Science and Technology Group at Queen's University, the Conference Board of Canada's National Partners in Education Award and the Roy C. Hill Fellowship for Innovations in Education, which is administered by the Canadian Teachers Federation. He has been named as a finalist for the annual Canadian New Media "Educator of the Year" Award. His pioneering work has been featured at an exhibit at the Museum of Civilization as one of Canada's "Global Heroes" and in the book "Visionaries, Canadian Triumphs". Most recently, he was awarded with a Canadian IWAY (Information Highway) award, that honours Canadians who have made outstanding contributions to Canada's world-recognized information society.

He is a much sought-after speaker and has presented at many conferences across Canada and around the world. Mr. Belsey is the Canadian Coordinator for i*EARN, the International Education and Resource Network and is also the President of Bullying.org Canada Incorporated (non-profit).