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# The Smartest Person in the Room IS the Room

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# YOU

ARE A GENIUS  
AND THE WORLD NEEDS  
YOUR CONTRIBUTION

# It's Friday night.

## Book or party?






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**MISSION-CENTERED**

- Dedicated to improving student outcomes through the use of technology

**SPEAKER**

- Keynotes, conferences and workshops
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**AUTHOR**

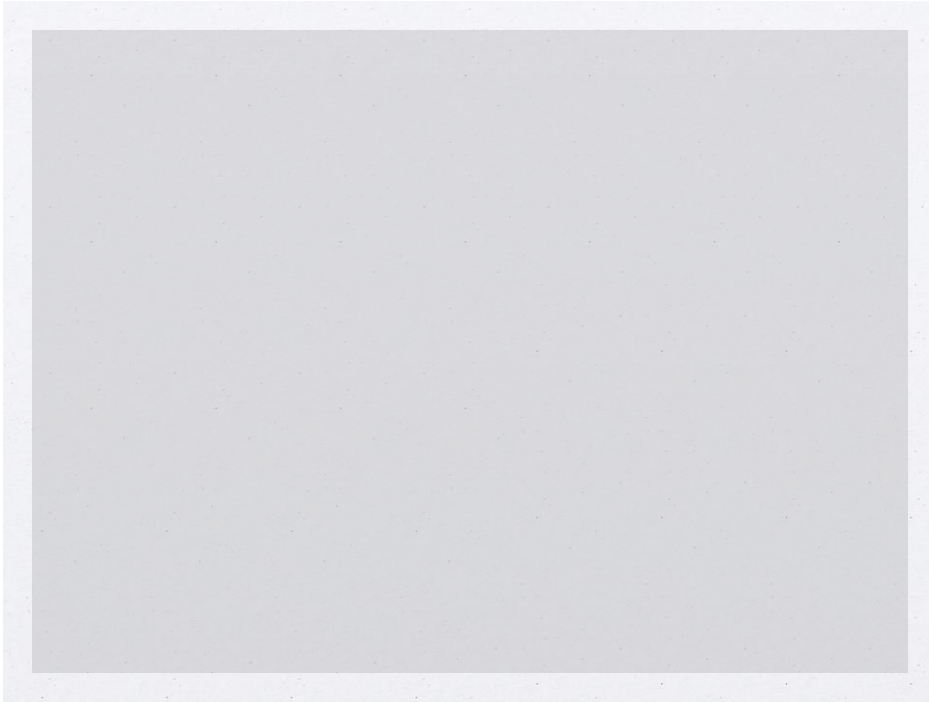
- Book: *Professional Learning in the Digital Age*
- Blogger: Smartblog, Edutopia, Ed is My Life

**EDCAMP FOUNDER**

- Head of Edcamp Foundation
- Passionate about effective PD

**PRACTITIONER**

- Over a decade in education as a teacher and leader
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*“you tube mechanic”*

Learning looks different...

And the LEARNERS  
are in control.

**The Economist** World politics Business & finance Economics Science & technology Culture

**The on-demand economy**  
**Workers on tap**

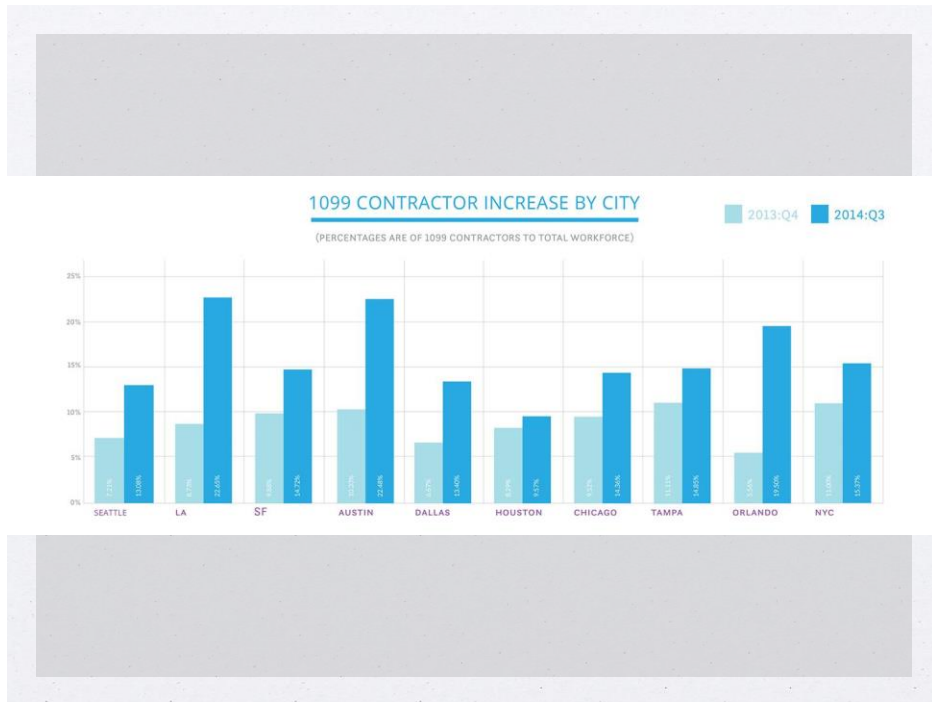
The rise of the on-demand economy poses difficult questions for workers, companies and politicians

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Derek Bacon



*“Professional sorts in big service firms will have more responsibility for educating themselves.”*

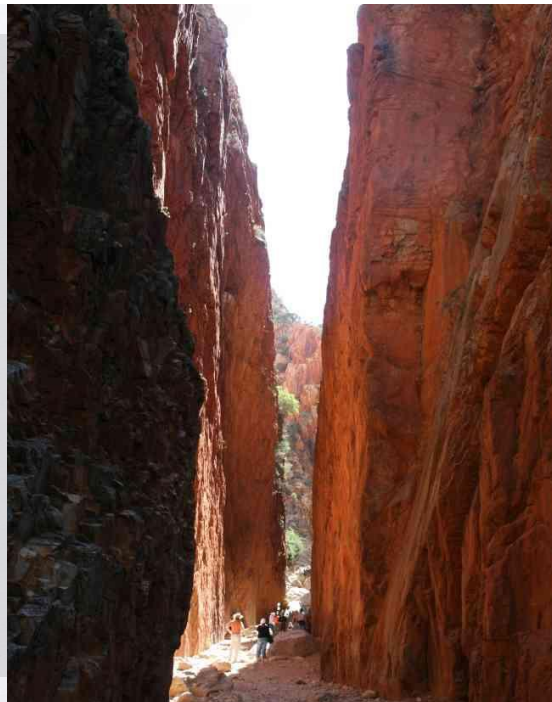




This isn't your grandma's professional learning.

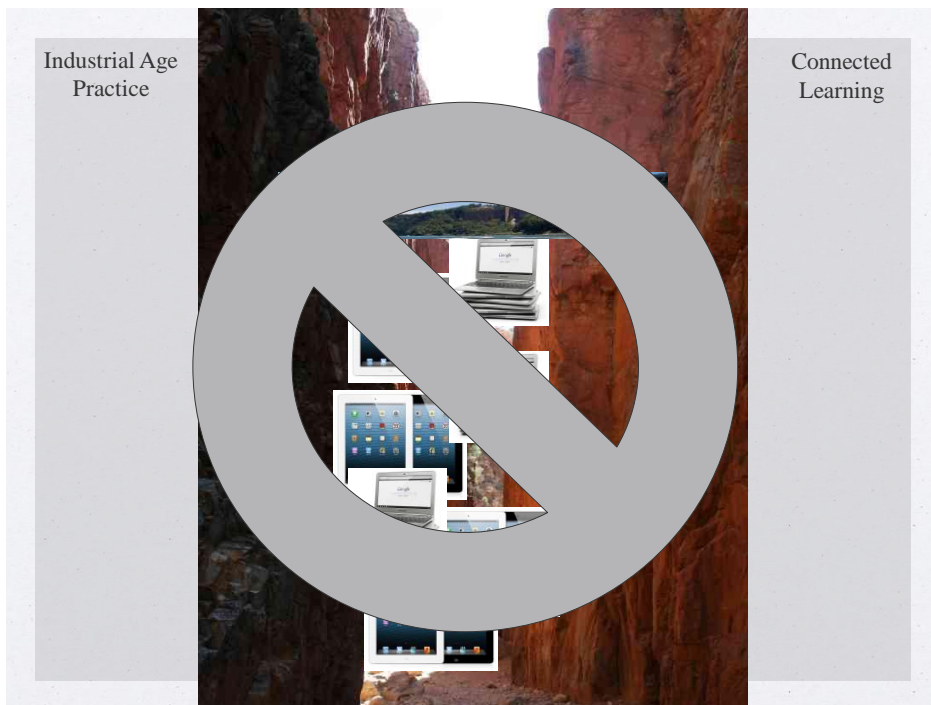
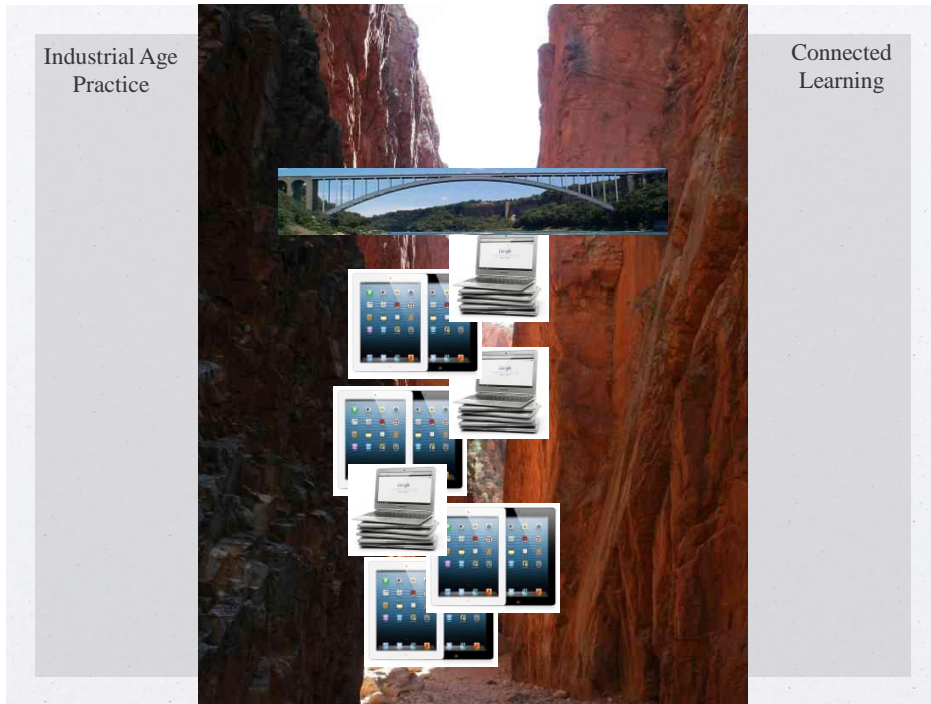
Or is it?

Industrial Age  
Practice



Connected  
Learning





## Connected Learning Comes From Relationships



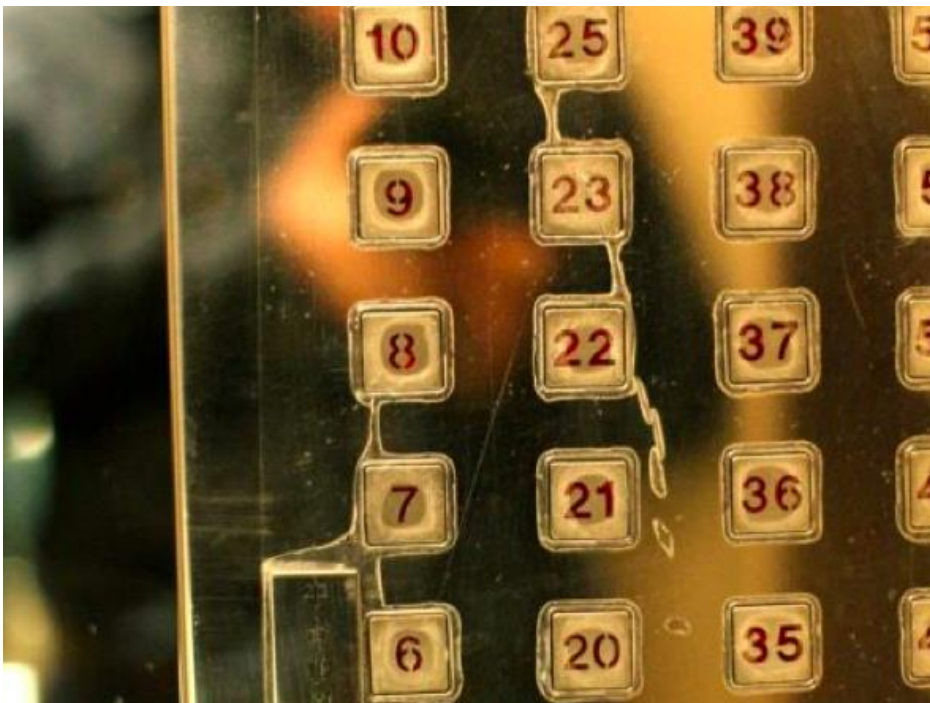
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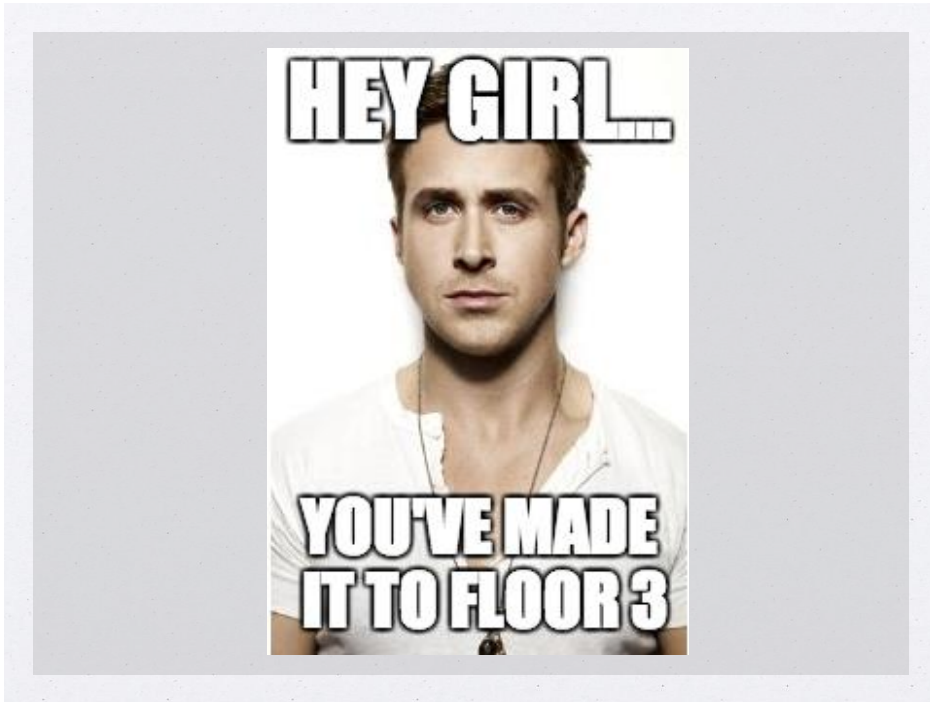
**LIMITED TIME ONLY**

Over 50% of  
professionals receive  
less than 8 hours of PD  
each year.

How do we design  
around this problem?





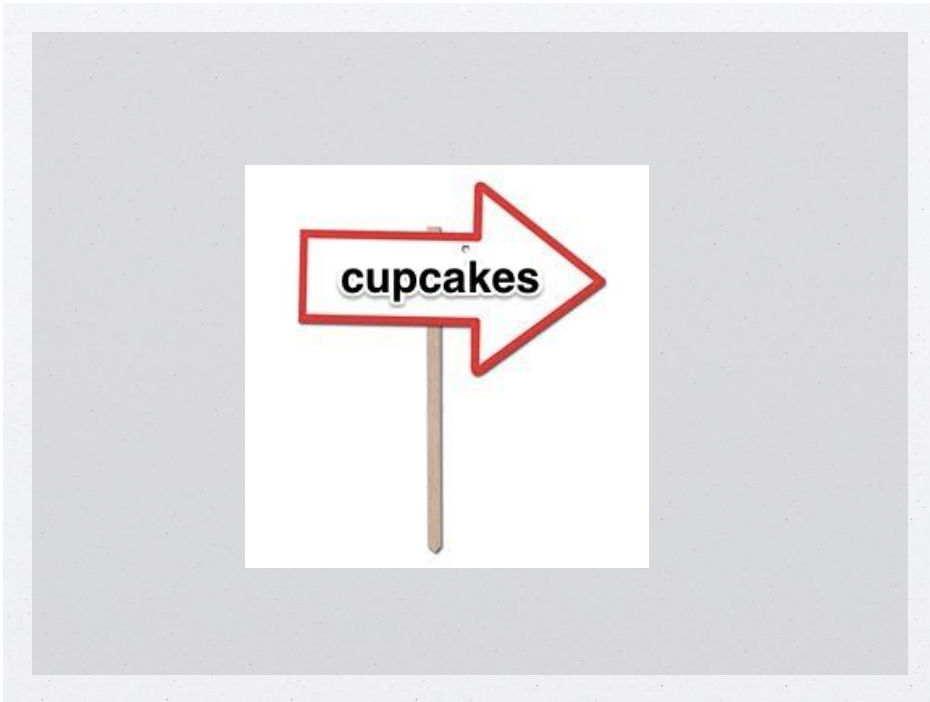


How might we...



Break!



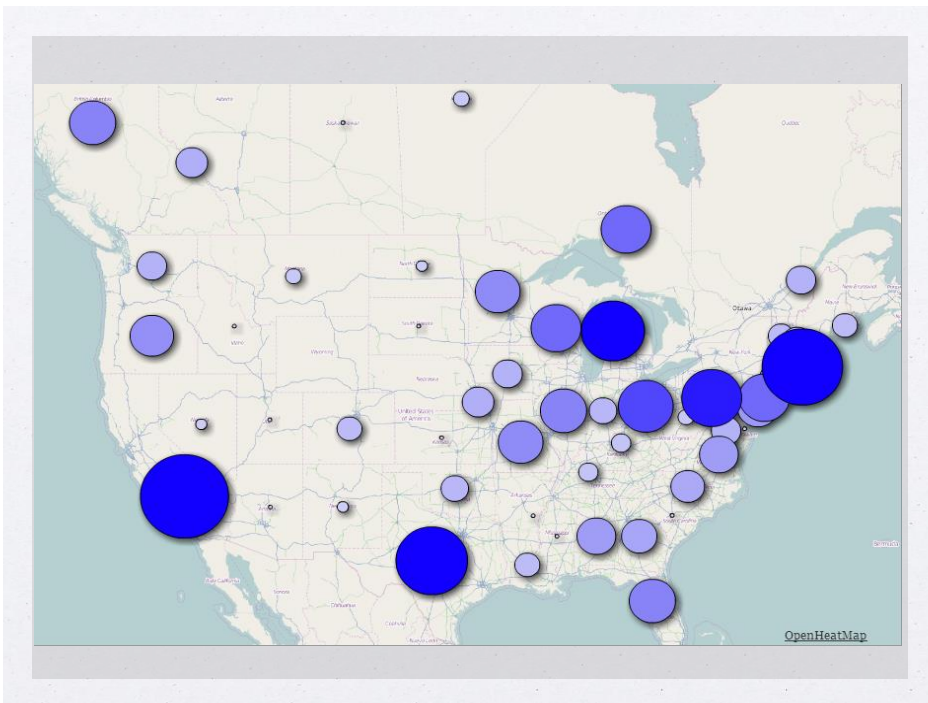




1. Free
2. Open to all
3. Vendor-free day
4. Anyone can present
5. Rule of 2 feet

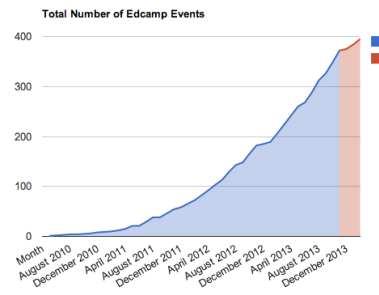
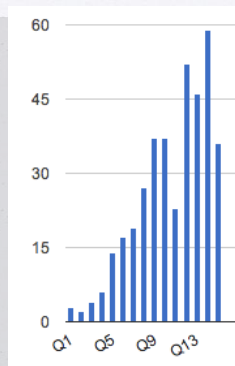


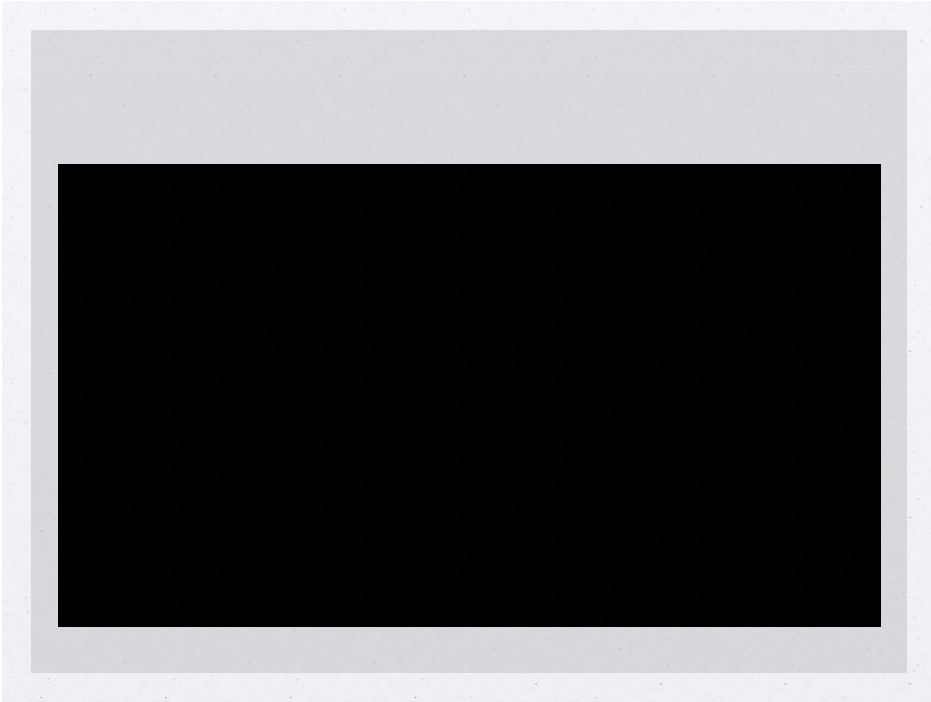






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# HOW TO BE AWESOME AT EDCAMP!





**→ START A CONVERSATION**

A session can begin with an idea...





a question...  
a problem...  
a doubt...  
an opinion...  
a story.

You do **NOT** need to be "The Expert,"  
just someone who wants to learn!

**→ LISTEN TO YOUR FEET**

If you are in a session that is not  
interesting **LEAVE!** EdCamp is about  
your learning, not someone's **EGO!**



## In Your Sessions...

1. Introduce yourselves!
2. Who posted the topic?
3. What's the first question?

### Our Agenda

10:15-10:30 – Schedule Building!

10:45-11:30 – Session 1

11:45-12:10 – Session 2

12:15-12:25 – Giveaways & Smackdown

12:30-1:30 – LUNCH

1:30-2:15 – Session 3

2:45-3:30 – Session 4

3:45-4:10 – Session 5

4:15-4:30 – Giveaways & Smackdown



