

Helping Teachers Become Campus EdTech Leaders *Lesson Planet to present at CUE*

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With K-12 budgets just squeaking out from under years of crippling cuts and technology imperatives changing faster than ever, keeping teachers up to speed with EdTech can't be left to traveling PD specialists any more.



[Lesson Planet EdTech professional development](#) specialists Jennifer Gibson and Rich Dixon will present “[Becoming the Solution: Building EdTech Teacher Leadership Capacity](#)” on Saturday, March 22 at 12 noon at the [CUE](#) 2014 (Computer Using Educators) conference in Palm Springs.

“We’ve been helping individual teachers to use technology to make their teaching better since 1999,” said Gibson, the company’s director of content and learning, who has 18 years in the classroom under her belt. “So, of course, we advocate for those same teachers to use their tech knowledge to lead their peers at school.”

Empowering teachers to serve as experts solves three nagging problems with school and district reliance on external trainers:

- External trainers can't be everywhere at once.
- Trainees become passive, diluting their impetus to find and develop solutions.
- When external trainers move on, follow-up guidance does too and implementation stalls.

“A lot of teachers already provide technology leadership, either because they’re interested by nature, or because they help their colleagues on an informal basis,” said Dixon, director of strategic relationships and 22-year teaching and administrative veteran. “How many of us have ‘gone next door’ with tech issues because we know a teacher there who can help?”

In 2014, [CUE](#) celebrates 35 years of advancing student achievement through technology. The annual CUE conference is the oldest and largest educational technology conference in California and among the largest in the United States. It is widely considered the premier professional development event in California and beyond.

About Lesson Planet

Founded by educators in 1999, Lesson Planet (www.lessonplanet.com) provides award-winning online curriculum search for PreK-12 educators, enabling teachers to find lesson resources targeted by grade, subject, Common Core State Standard, and more. All linked resources are vetted by Lesson Planet’s credentialed teacher reviewers. Lesson Planet also offers on-demand EdTech tutorial videos, and live, on-site professional development programs.

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