



EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP ACROSS DECADES

By Glenn Morris

Executive Director for the Center for Interactive Learning & Collaboration (CILC).

Recently our editor, Carrie Benedet interviewed Glenn Morris...who is he you may ask? You may be thinking about why you need to meet each other here. Here's why:

Glenn Morris is the Executive Director for the Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration (CILC). Since its founding in 1994, CILC has developed hundreds of partnerships to provide live interactive virtual field trips that connect learners of all ages to world-renowned museums, science centers, zoos, aquariums, historic sites, National Parks, and more.

CILC is a small nonprofit that serves as a program to South Central Service Cooperative (SCSC), an educational service agency with headquarters in southern Minnesota where Glenn is acting CEO. An innovative leader, Glenn is a teacher and administrator and has developed and coordinated award-winning technology and applied academic programs. Most deliberately, Glenn has forged relationships for over three decades, shaping collaborative initiatives that connect education, workforce, and community.

Glenn began his work with SCSC in 1986 serving as a regional technology coordinator, and over the years has served members in a number of capacities, including Academic Coordinator, and Director for the SOCRATES telecom network and supplemental online learning programs. He has also served as Secondary Administrator for the South Central Perkins Consortium, where he developed the High-STEP Health Science and Source Code Information Technology academy programs. Glenn is an active Board Member and Education Policy Fellow.

Glenn and his wife, Peggy live high in the oaks above the Blue Earth River in southern Mankato, Minnesota, USA.

30th Anniversary Celebrations in 2024

Glenn Morris will tell you up front that he is passionate about authentic learner centered education.

With over thirty years of experience with multi sector collaboration, across government, business and education his focus on lifelong learning has not waned, if

anything it has intensified especially now he has grandchildren and has experienced the effects of the worldwide pandemic in recent years.

2024 celebrates the 30 year anniversary of the Centre for Interactive Learning and Collaboration (CILC). This highly respected not-for-profit learning platform has a selection of major sponsors who have 'human beings' at the core of their focus.

These sponsors have a reciprocal mission that emphasizes lifelong learning where the whole village educates 'in and out' school learners.

What Glenn has noticed over the last five years of intense delivery of learning via online access, is a renewed acknowledgement that organisations have become more mission driven and are talking about a level playing field for all learners, not just those learners who can afford education. The use of zoom delivery to learn and solve problems globally has provided a "view of the world that is landscape." Parents and learners discovered this in the COVID pandemic and moved away from on site school based education to accessing free or minimal cost online learning to keep connected in and out of school, university, vocational education and such.

Glenn shares that over the last 2 years, virtual experiences have become the norm for training the employment workforce. The rise of virtual reality has sharply increased with youth uptake. Younger students are now the producers of their own reality, where they are experiencing an emotional world that they have missed out on when face to face learning halted. Schools had been the traditional places for conversations and relationships - now content is everywhere and easily accessible, no matter what the quality. Glenn believes that to nurture learning for all students, we need a quick shift in finding ways our learning relationships make sense in a rapidly changing world fueled by AI.

Over the last 30 years CILC has been unique in education outreach to individuals and groups of learners who may not have had access to high quality learning opportunities.

The Collaboration Space serves as a dynamic virtual hub where minds converge, ideas blend, and creativity thrives. Through real-time conversations, pre-event messaging, and collaborative tools, educators, students, and experts engage in project-based learning and cross-cultural exchanges, transcending borders. Unlocking access to a global network, this platform fosters enhanced cultural understanding and global awareness, empowering students to collaborate on joint projects and participate in global virtual exchanges like never before. CILC utilizes technology to connect peer groups to one another as well as experts living at a distance to help students learn how to become more involved, engaged, and responsible digital citizens.



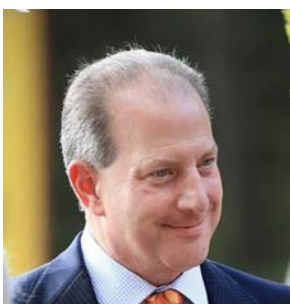
As the CILC celebrations get underway, special events in 2024 are planned that will have huge interest and impact for learners. From exploring mysteries of the deep sea to dancing with groups in Ghana, there's something for everyone to enjoy and learn from each month of the year. View the schedule and start registering today by visiting, [cilc.org/turns30!](http://cilc.org/turns30)

I encourage you and your team of educators to explore the CILC online platform here and website. You may be interested in how a school principal in India partnered with CILC during the pandemic and beyond.

CONGRATULATIONS CILC - a global leader in providing education access to any learner!

To learn more: Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration
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You are also invited to join in with their celebration visit: cilc.org/turn30



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