# THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

### **Successful Learning Conference: Masterclass**

## Universal Design for Learning: Exploration to Integration

Tuesday 27 June 2023, 9.00am-3.00pm | Online by ZOOM



In this masterclass, we will examine the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework as a tool for designing inclusive learning environments. Participants will be exposed to authentic examples of moving the UDL framework from theory to practice.

In part one of this masterclass, participants will gain a deeper understanding of the UDL framework by exploring examples of UDL in practice. We will examine case studies of implementation and will hear from teachers and administrators who have moved from UDL exploration to integration. Participants will review the phases of UDL implementation and will identify specific professional learning supports to assist them as they move to the next phase of implementation. In part two of this masterclass, participants will consider their own personal implementation of the UDL framework to design inclusive and transformative learning environments. We will unpack the UDL framework through a focused exploration of the guidelines, principles and checkpoints. Participants will assess a learning environment using the framework and will engage in dialogue with colleagues to determine ways to remove barriers. Finally, participants will develop their own learning environment organizer based on their understanding and application of the UDL framework.

### Registration & Fees

\$297 (1 day masterclass) pp GST Incl. Includes full-day online masterclass attendance, & electronic resources bundle. Please register online by visiting the Successul Learning Conference 2023 website at SLC 2023.

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Dr Liz Berguist, Executive Director of All In! Education, has almost twenty five years of experience in PK-adult education and has supported educators in the US and internationally. Liz holds a BA in American Studies and History, a master's degree in Special Education and a doctoral degree in Instructional Technology. Throughout her career she has served as a middle and high school teacher, curriculum and instruction staff member, Director of Professional Learning, and Professor of Special Education. She currently serves as the Director of Training and Development for the Baltimore County Public School District (BCPS). Liz began her career in BCPS, first as a classroom teacher and then as a central office staff member and returned to BCPS in 2015 after spending eight years as a faculty member in the Department of Special Education at Towson University in Maryland. During her time at Towson, Liz's research focused on Universal Design for Learning, conceptual change, faculty professional development, and enhancing university-school partnerships in professional development schools.

Liz is an internationally recognized expert in Universal Design for Learning and is the co-author of Your UDL Journey: A Systems Approach to Transforming Instruction (2020) and the editor and author of Universal Design for Learning: From Exploration to Integration (2017). She was a member of the original CAST faculty cadre which began in 2010. In this role, she travelled internationally working with school districts and institutes of higher education with a focus on implementation science, coaching, and professional learning communities. She has served as a member of the UDL Implementation and Research Network Board of Advisors and the CAST Professional Learning Advisory Council.

Available for participation by Zoom only.