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The Next Fifty, April 21 - October 21, 2012, recognizes the 50th anniversary of the 1962 Seattle World's Fair, which thrust Seattle onto a global stage and left a dynamic physical legacy, Seattle Center. Through six months of events and activities at Seattle Center, the region will have the opportunity to engage in focus areas that are key to our community and the world. Arts, Culture & Design and History tie together the celebration while individual months explore Sustainable Futures, Science & Technology, Global Health, Learning, Commerce & the Innovation Economy, and Civic Action. Hundreds of volunteers and partners helped to create The Next Fifty offerings to inspire synergies and a shared regional vision as we honor the past, celebrate the present and imagine a future filled with possibilities.

Learning – How do we expand perspectives around learning, education, culture and environment so that people of all ages and backgrounds can realize their intrinsic passions to learn and grow? Programs and activities explore how we might change approaches and systems of learning in the 21st century.

### Classroom of the Future – Exhibition Launch

TUESDAY, JUL 31 ◀ 6:30 PM EXHIBIT OPENS ◀ 7:30 PM YOUTH PRESENTATIONS ◀ PLAYHOUSE/INTIMAN ◀ FREE

In 1962 *The Seattle Times* asked 3rd graders to predict the future and young Dick Hennacy declared, "Television will teach us." Hear today's youth explain their predictions for learning in the future as they present their projects from the Classroom of the Future Exhibition. Which of their ideas will we point to 50 years from now? Tickets are free, but capacity is limited. Go to [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com) in advance to reserve your ticket. If you are unable to attend, go to the [Next Fifty Global Channel](http://seattlecenter.com) (seattlecenter.com) later to watch the recorded broadcast.

### Classroom of the Future Exhibition

FRIDAYS - SUNDAYS, AUG 3 - AUG 31 ◀ 12 NOON - 5 PM ◀ PLAYHOUSE/INTIMAN LOBBY ◀ FREE

We asked youth to predict where, what, how and with whom people will learn in the future. This exhibition showcases their ideas about physical space, technology, curriculum, and the student/teacher relationship.

### Next 50 Film Series

WEDNESDAYS, AUG 8 - 29 ◀ 7 PM ◀ SIFF FILM CENTER ◀ FREE

Films and post-film discussions that examine the relationship of learning, passion and purpose in our society.

- **CHOPS** (Aug 8) - What inspires kids to do amazing things? What learning environments are most conducive to extraordinary achievement? What activities should we be steering kids toward in our curricula?
- **HAPPY** (Aug 15) – Do we live in a world that values and promotes happiness and well-being? What is the purpose of schooling? How can schools leverage social and emotional well-being into greater academic achievement? What is the role of the emerging field of positive psychology on education policy?
- **FINDING JOE** (Aug 22) - In what ways can Joseph Campbell's philosophy *The Hero's Journey* be applied to education? What might "follow your bliss" look like in school? How can we make school a place that explicitly teaches students to face their fears?
- **THE LOTTERY** (Aug 29) - What might be an effective strategy moving forward in educating socioeconomically disadvantaged young people? What is an appropriate role for charter schools? Why has change proven to be so difficult, and what steps can be taken to overcome these challenges?



Admission is free, but capacity is limited. Email [RSVPLearning@seattlecenter.org](mailto:RSVPLearning@seattlecenter.org) in advance to reserve your seat.

## People • Passion • Purpose (P3) – Join the Conversation

MONDAYS, AUG 13, 20 AND 27 ◀ 7:30 PM ◀ PLAYHOUSE/INTIMAN ◀ FREE

*People • Passion • Purpose (P3):* A Learning Odyssey was born of the sense that learning and education have become out of sync with one another. With education often pointed to as a means to success, the Learning Committee questioned who defines success and how that influences learning. So we devised an experiment that the community could collectively observe and explore. The P3 project asked 25 people, of all ages and from all walks of life, to intentionally pursue their passion for nine months. We paired these 25 Voyagers with 25 Guides (mentors) to support them as they challenged their assumptions, imagined new possibilities, and had the courage to expand beyond who they are to learn and grow. The P3 participants offer us a window not only into how we learn, and how we support learning in our community, but how important an individual sense of passion and purpose is to achieving fulfillment, productivity and success.



You are invited to join the conversation as P3 participants, researchers and the committee discuss their experiences and discoveries and we examine how that can impact learning and systems of learning in our society. Each night focuses on a different aspect of the project.

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## Education in the Next 50

THURSDAY, AUG 16 ◀ 7 PM ◀ MARION OLIVER MCCAW HALL

\$10 STUDENT/EDUCATOR, \$16 GENERAL ADMISSION, \$37 PREMIUM SEATING/POST-EVENT RECEPTION INCLUDES TAXES/FEES

Sponsored by Committee for Children. National leaders whose work shapes new ideas in education discuss: What is the future we hope to realize for our children 50 years from now? What are the skills today's children need in order to become the architects of a better world tomorrow? How are new advances in areas such as technology, gaming and brain research opening up exciting new pathways for teaching and learning? How will we make innovations in education meaningful and accessible to all children in the Next 50? How will the investments we make in educating very young children today profoundly affect our community - for better or for worse - in the next 50 years?

Presenters:



**Jane McGonigal, Ph.D.**, Creative Director of Social Chocolate, Director of Game Research and Development at Institute for the Future, best-selling author of *Reality is Broken*, named by *The New York Times* as one of 10 scientists with the best vision for what's coming next.



**Milton Chen, Ph.D.**, Director Emeritus of Edutopia/The George Lucas Educational Foundation



**Bette Hyde, Ph.D.**, Director of Washington State Department of Early Learning



**Roger Weissberg, Ph.D.**, Psychology Professor at University of Illinois and CEO of Collaborative for Academic, Social & Emotional Learning (CASEL)



Moderated by **Kristen French, Ph.D.**, Director of Western Washington University Center for Education Equity and Diversity

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