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Welcome to our first issue of *Coaching in Education News* for 2018!



Dear Subscriber

We hope this year brings lots of stimulating professional learning along with the satisfaction of seeing how that professional learning impacts leaders, teachers and, ultimately, student success and wellbeing.

We have been preparing this monthly newsletter for over 16 years now and we hope that once again it can provide you with thought provoking, evidence-based, practical ideas that can make a difference to your work as an educator.

This month our feature article, by one of Growth Coaching's most experienced coaches and consultants, Dr Kristine Needham, explores the relationship between **Coaching and Lesson Study**. It seems appropriate to begin the year with an article that highlights practices that place improving teaching practice at the very forefront of teacher professional development. This is a great article with lots of links to other related and useful resources. We hope you enjoy it!

Also catch up on... **News & Events, Latest Podcast** along with a new feature, **What We Are Reading**. In this feature we will seek to share what we are learning from the recent academic and practitioner literature on coaching in education. Later this year we will

include reviews of those coaching focused books and texts that have stood the test of time.

We hope you find this a useful read!

Warm wishes,

Photo taken at the 4th Kuwait Coaching Conference with GCI's Lead Associate in the Middle East, Raja'a Yousif Allaho

John Campbell  
GCI Executive  
Director

## Using Coaching to Support Lesson Study

By Dr Kristine Needham



Have you been using Lesson Study in your school? This increasingly popular

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process is an ideal way to set up a group of teachers for collaborative team work. When careful attention is given to the protocols of the process, an open collaborative environment can be created for authentic discussion of the work of teaching. The valuable outcome is an increased shared understanding of quality teaching practice.

This article gives a brief outline of the process, then makes suggestions as to how Lesson Study can be strengthened even more, by integrating some coaching tools.

[Read Full Article](#)

## News & Events

What's Happening at GCI

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### COMING SOON...

[Solutions Focus  
Strategy Canvas: A](#)



January, despite being holiday, saw lots of activity with most GCI facilitators in action at professional learning days as schools started back.

Some other highlights included:

- Ben Calleja, GCI Director WA spent early January working on a GCI Foundation-supported coaching project for teachers in Cambodia. (See image above: participants receiving their certificates)
- John Campbell, GCI Executive Director presented at an International Coach Federation (ICF) sponsored conference in Kuwait. This conference launched the ICF Kuwait Chapter and we are delighted that GCI Lead Associate in the

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Middle East, Raja'a Yousif Allaho, is the inaugural President of the Kuwait Chapter.

- Prof Christian van Nieuwerburgh, GCI Director of International Partnerships, visited Romania to explore coaching in education opportunities at the request of the Romanian Ministry of Education.

Coming up:

- We're planning for the Coaching in Education Conference in the UK this June.
- We're excited about the official launch of our newest program: *Solution Focus Strategy Canvas: A Team Coaching Approach*. More in our next newsletter.

## How Coaching is Helping a Science Teacher Achieve her Antartica Dream

A Podcast Interview (12 mins)

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Dr Christian van Nieuwerburgh & John Campbell

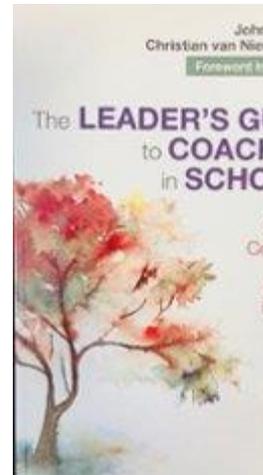
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As a child, Italian science teacher and physicist Elena Joli (Ph.D) dreamed about visiting Antarctica. In this inspiring interview, Elena, and her coach Annette Gray, explain how she has finally been able to achieve this goal as she heads off on the adventure of a lifetime with a ground-breaking year-long Women in Leadership program which is developed by Homeward Bound and aims to empower women in STEMM to influence climate change.

You'll hear how Elena came to be involved in this project and how working with a coach has been invaluable in helping her to prepare for her role on board, giving her the best chance of a successful journey.



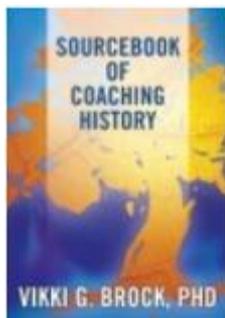
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## What We Are Reading

Sourcebook of Coaching History by Dr  
Vikki Brock



Over the summer break I came across a coaching book that I wished I had had access to twenty years ago...

The book is by Dr Vikki Brock and is a comprehensive, thorough overview of the origins of coaching and the key events, theoretical influences and thought-leaders that have shaped coaching since it emerged as form of professional and personal learning back in the late eighties.

While many people involved in coaching may not necessarily want to go deeply into the coaching 'backstory' I found this book an enormously helpful

resource that has given important context and background to what has influenced who we are and what we do when we embark on this one off, or more often series of, learning conversations that we call coaching.

In preparing this coaching 'backstory' Dr Brock interviewed 170 leading academics and practitioners who have made contributions to the field, along the way exploring the contributions of various important thought leaders; the socioeconomic influences that sparked the interest in coaching in the late 80's; the role of professional associations and universities.

There are whole chapters devoted to a range of topics, including:

- *Emergence of coaching in twentieth century*
- *What distinguished coaching from its root disciplines?*
- *Evolution of psychology and its contributions to coaching.* (There are similar whole chapters given to the evolution of business, sports, adult education and each one's contribution to coaching.)
- *Evidence-based coaching*

This book it is a very important contribution to the field of professional coaching. While it may not be necessary for every coach to have a copy of this book it is important that it is there. Schools and school systems who are seeking to make a substantial commitment to implementing coaching in various contexts within their institutions will benefit from this book.

[Find Dr Brock's Book](#)

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