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**“AVEC UN GRAND R” (WITH A CAPITAL R)  
ACTIVE LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM**

Montreal, November 17, 2017. – The [Association pour la recherche au collégial](#) (ARC), the Centre de documentation collégiale (CDC) and the Association québécoise de pédagogie collégiale (AQPC) are holding online the 17th session of the series: *Avec un grand R* on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, between 1:00 and 2:30 p.m. It will address active learning outside the classroom.

From 2011 to 2014, the research team of Elizabeth S. Charles, Chris Whittaker and Sameer Bhatnagar, all from Dawson College, plus Nathaniel Lasry and Michael Dugdale, both from John Abbott Cegep, and Kevin Lenton, from Vanier Cegep, conducted a study on collective conceptual networks in teaching and learning and using information and communications technology (ICT) to link the science taught in schools to the outside world (“[Les réseaux conceptuels collectifs en enseignement et en apprentissage : l’usage de TIC pour relier la science scolaire avec la réalité extérieure.](#)”). The findings have now been released and will receive a critical review followed by a lively discussion. Attending will be researchers Liz Charles and Nathaniel Lasry, who first participated in the series in 2013 when they laid the groundwork for the project to be discussed on November 21. The team has continued their work, seeking to broaden the body of knowledge about active learning and the integration of ICT with college teaching.

To prepare for the November 21 session, we highly recommend that participants read the article titled: “[L’apprentissage actif hors de la classe, est-ce possible?](#)” (*Pédagogie collégiale*, Spring 2016). The discussion will be launched by researcher Christian Barrette, who will participate as a critical reviewer. The audience will be given the opportunity to ask questions in order to reflect upon how the findings as reviewed can be put to good use. The discussion with resource people may take place in English or French, and will be moderated by Hélène Tardif, ARC project manager. In addition, Isabelle Laplante, head librarian with the CDC, will present a bibliography of complementary references on the topic.

The next activity in the *Avec un grand R* series will be offered online and will be available for up to six months following the event. For more information or to sign up for the session, please call 514 843-8491 or send an email to [arc@cvm.qc.ca](mailto:arc@cvm.qc.ca). A registration fee will apply in accordance with the ARC [fee schedule](#), and the reduced fee is offered to members of AQPC and ARC.

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