

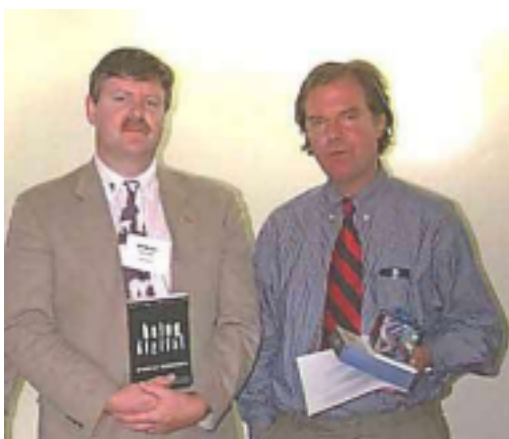
## Bill Belsey -Biography



Bill and students meet with former Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chrétien.

Bill Belsey's teaching career has included living and working with the Inuit of Canada's Arctic for nearly twenty years, where he introduced the very first computer into Canadian Arctic schools. In the early 1990's he also helped to bring the Internet to the community of Rankin Inlet and established the very first Community Access Centre in the Canadian Arctic called "Iglaaq" -Inuktitut for window, see <http://www.caledoninst.org/Publications/PDF/iglaaq.pdf>. This pioneering work was honoured with the Royal Bank and Conference Board of Canada's National Partners in Education Award.

In 1997, Mr. Belsey was invited to work with Dr. Seymour Papert and Nicholas Negroponte at the world-famous M.I.T. Media Lab to work on issues related to the innovative use of ICTs to support teaching and learning.



With Dr. Nicholas Negroponte at M.I.T. With Dr. Seymour Papert at M.I.T.

He was asked by CIDA, the Canadian International Development Agency, and the World Bank to present his thoughts and work at the Global Knowledge '97 conference in Toronto on the topic of "Universal Access to Information and Communication Technologies". At this conference, former World Bank President Mr. James Wolfensohn praised the impact of this work. He has also been an advisor to the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the U.S. Peace Corps. His pioneering work has been featured at an exhibit at the Canadian Museum of Civilization as one of Canada's "Global Heroes".

Mr. Belsey won the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Technology. He is also a recipient of the Royal Bank Fellowship from the Mathematics, Science and Technology Group at Queen's University and the Roy C. Hill Fellowship for Innovations in Education. He has been named as a finalist for the annual Canadian New Media "Educator of the Year" Award. He has also been chosen to be a recipient of the prestigious CANARIE IWAY Awards (IWAY is short for Information Highway). These awards honour Canadians who have made outstanding contributions to Canada's world-recognized information society – celebrating innovators behind Canada's advanced broadband development and use. From 1999 until 2003, he was a Senior Educational Advisor for Canada's SchoolNet and was Coordinator for Canada's National Network of Innovative Schools (NIS).

For nearly a decade, Mr. Belsey was the volunteer Executive Director for iEARN-Canada, the Canadian chapter of iEARN, the International Education and Resource Network, see [www.learn.org](http://www.learn.org). iEARN is the world's largest and most experienced K-12 professional learning community with over three million members in over 120 countries who share the vision of "Connecting Youth and Making a Difference" by working on international collaborative projects using information and communications technologies.

He is the founder and President of Bullying.org Canada Incorporated, an internationally recognized educational organization dedicated to preventing bullying through education and awareness.

One of his projects, [www.bullying.org](http://www.bullying.org), (not active) was honoured with the Cable and Wireless ChildNet Award, which goes to projects that make the Internet a better and safer place for children. This project was also named a finalist in the Stockholm Challenge Awards, an award that has been called the Nobel Prize of the Information Technology (IT) world.

[www.bullying.org](http://www.bullying.org) has received as many as one million visitors and contributors and was often listed as the number one bullying-referenced Website in the world.

Mr. Belsey also created [www.cyberbullying.ca](http://www.cyberbullying.ca), which was thought by many to be the first Website in the world to address the issue of cyberbullying. He is often cited as the first person to use the word and define the behaviour "cyberbullying".

In 2002, Mr. Belsey conceived of and helped to coordinate Canada's annual National Bullying Awareness Week, see [www.bullyingawarenessweek.org](http://www.bullyingawarenessweek.org)

In 2004, Mr. Belsey was honoured as Cochrane, Alberta's "Ambassador of the Year".

In June 2005, Mr. Belsey was also asked to share his work about bullying and cyberbullying with the United Nations International Research Study on Violence and Children in Bangkok. See [http://www.ecpat.net/eng/ecpat\\_inter/irc/newsdesk\\_articles.asp?SCID=1625](http://www.ecpat.net/eng/ecpat_inter/irc/newsdesk_articles.asp?SCID=1625)

Mr. Belsey has been interviewed by the late Peter Gzowski on CBC Radio's national "*Morningside*" radio show and has also appeared numerous times on the CTV and CBC National News. He has been a consultant to "*The Dr. Phil Show*", *ABC News 20/20* with Diane Sawyer, and CNN – *Anderson Cooper AC360*. Additionally, he was asked to offer his input into the United Nations International Research Study in Bangkok on Violence and Children. His print interviews have appeared in *Parenting Magazine*, the *Globe and Mail*, and the *Christian Science Monitor*. In an interview with Mr. Belsey on CBC TV's "The National", Peter Mansbridge referred to [www.bullying.org](http://www.bullying.org) as "*One of the best websites in the world for children*".

In May 2006, Mr. Belsey received Canada's National Technology Innovations Award from The Learning Partnership, and his presentation "Change the World 101" was given the "Conference Award" as the most outstanding work presented during the entire gathering. See [http://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/NTIA/NTIA\\_2006\\_I&L\\_conference\\_awarddinner.htm](http://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/NTIA/NTIA_2006_I&L_conference_awarddinner.htm)

In October 2006, Mr. Belsey was named a Fellow of the World Technology Network in the Education category at a gala event in San Francisco's City Hall. At this same ceremony, former U.S. Vice President Al Gore was inducted as a Fellow in the Environment category. Tim Berners-Lee, one of the co-creators of the World Wide Web, was honoured in the Internet category. See <http://www.wtn.net>

In September 2007, he launched Canada's first online courses and Webinars about bullying and cyberbullying for parents and educators at [www.bullyingcourse.com](http://www.bullyingcourse.com). Mr. Belsey has created a partnership with Colombia's CES University. As a result of this collaboration, his "E101 –An Introduction to Bullying for Educators" online course will be offered to educators worldwide in Spanish.

In November 2007, he was nominated for the YMCA Peace Medal.

In 2010, Mr. Belsey was the keynote speaker at Australia's annual National Conference on Bullying.



Bill Belsey with (then) Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard

In December 2011, he was asked to give testimony about bullying and cyberbullying to the Human Rights Committee of the Canadian Senate.

In 2012, Mr. Belsey was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, which honours significant contributions and achievements by Canadians.

In 2015, Mr. Belsey was honoured with the Edna Dach Award by the Alberta Teachers' Association for his leadership and innovations in using technology to support teaching and learning.

In 2016, Mr. Belsey gave the Duncan McArthur Homecoming Lecture during the 175th anniversary of his alma mater, Queen's University.

In 2024, Mr Belsey presented to the European Conference on Cybersafety on the topic of "*Emotional vs Artificial Intelligence: Staying Real in a Digital World*".

He is a much sought-after speaker and presenter on the topics of bullying, cyberbullying, cyber-parenting, technology integration, innovation, community development and global education. He has presented at many conferences across Canada and around the world.

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