



Tech Hub News

Helping Adults Thrive in a Changing World

Tech Hub Mission

The RI Tech Hub is a collaboration of RIFLI, RISTE, RIDE and the RI Adult Ed PD Center to deliver technology-related professional development to adult educators. Our mission is to advance digital literacy so adults can thrive in a changing world.

Using a human-centered approach where the needs and strengths of adults are paramount, we will leverage the expertise among our adult ed partners and colleagues to provide the highest quality learning opportunities, resources, and support.

Our work this program year will include:

- *Training and Implementation of the RI AdultEd Domain and G-Suite
- * Programs for Instructional Best Practices in Distance and Blended Learning
- *Facilitation of Technology Related Partnerships & Communication



Upcoming Tech PD Events

For details and registration, go to [RI Adult Ed Calendar](#)

January 5, 2018 - RI Adult Ed Domain User Group: New Google Calendar

January 12, 2018 - NorthStar Proctor Training

January 26, 2018 - Learn how teachers are using Google Classroom and Mobile Learning.

February 5, 2018 - Domain User Group: Learn how to use Google Classroom including creating classes, inviting students, creating assignments, and more!

February 9, 2018 - [Tech Camp](#)

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Tech Hub Work Plan for 2018

As we roll into the second half of the fiscal year, we will continue to focus on 3 priorities:

* **Adult Ed Domain and G-Suite roll out**

Kim Libby and Sue Grundy host a monthly Domain User Group to address topics and questions about using Google Classroom, RI Adult Ed Domain and Chromebooks.

* **Individual Program Coaching**

The Tech Hub Team will continue to work with individual programs to help them prioritize their technology-related needs and determine what professional development is most suitable for their program.

* **Facilitate Partnerships**

We have been working with many organizations such as Everyoneon.org, Peer2Peer University, Mozilla Foundation, Tech Hire, and Tech Collective to bring tech resources, education and employment opportunities to adults.

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What is the RI Adult Ed Domain?

www.riadulted.org

In 2015, RIDE, in collaboration with RISTE, created riadulted.org, a shared, online space for adult education programs in RI.

This domain was connected with G Suite for Education, a collection of digital productivity tools (Gmail, Google Docs, Google classroom, etc), that help staff, teachers, and students connect and interact securely across devices.

The RI Adult Ed Google Domain can be used to create accounts for staff and teachers in the adult ed community. Each account can be used to access Google products at no cost and without ads. These products allow us to create, share, and collaborate on work that serves the adult education community and supports the mission of the Tech Hub. For help setting up accounts: email support@riaduled.org.

Learning Circles

Learning Circles are lightly facilitated study groups. Adopted from the Peer2Peer University model, students meet weekly to learn online, in-person. Learning Circles are a great way to accommodate wait listed students or create a blended learning class. If you would like to pilot a Learning Circle, contact Sherry at slehane@provlib.org. Stipends are available.



NorthStar FAQs

1. What is NorthStar?

NorthStar is an online digital literacy assessment designed to quantify adults' digital knowledge.

2. What are the NorthStar assessment requirements for teachers?

All full-time, part-time and volunteers who work with students are required to be certified in 6 modules:

Module 1: Basic Computers

Module 2: WWW, Internet

Module 4: Email

Module 5: MS Word

Module 9: Information Literacy

Plus one additional module that pertains to job role.

3. What are the NorthStar assessment requirements for students?

Fifteen percent of a program's student body must be certified in modules 1, 2 and 4.

4. Is there curriculum that aligns with North Star?

Yes! Below are links to curricula that align with NorthStar:

<https://www.digitalliteracyassessment.org/educators>

<http://www.rifli.org>

For more information, go to:

<https://www.digitalliteracyassessment.org/faq>

Google Classroom and Chromebook Help Options

There are several ways to get help using Chromebooks and learning about G-Suite, which includes Google Classroom. Here are some options:

1. Join the monthly Domain User Group sessions. You can learn more about them at www.riadulted.org. Click on the calendar to see details for each meeting.
2. Check out the resources posted on the RI Adult Ed Domain User Group Google Classroom.
3. If you have a specific question, send an email to: support@riadulted.org. This includes requests for student accounts for Google classroom.
4. Attend the January 26th and February 5th events listed on page 1.
5. Request a coach by emailing Sherry Lehane at slehane@riadulted.org. She will tap into the expertise that best meets your needs.

Summary of Resources in this Issue

RI Adult Ed Domain Website

NorthStar

RIFLI.org

Peer2Peer University

Contact us: Sherry Lehane at slehane@riadulted.org