

Bill Belsey: Introduction

Bill Belsey is President of Bullying.org Canada.

He is the creator and facilitator of www.bullying.org, the world's most-visited and referenced Website about bullying. www.bullying.org has won many awards including the Childnet International Award that goes to Internet initiatives that make the world a better and safer place for young people and was a finalist for the Stockholm Challenge Award, an award that has been referred to as "The Nobel Prize of the IT (Information Technology) world.

Mr. Belsey is the creator of www.cyberbullying.ca, the world's first Website about the issue of cyberbullying, in fact, he is often cited as the first person to introduce and define this word.

He was also the originator of the annual Bullying Awareness Week. November 16th to the 22nd 2008 will mark its sixth year. See www.bullyingawarenessweek.org for more information about this major initiative.

He also created and is the facilitator of www.bullyingcourse.com, an educational resource that offers online courses and Webinars about bullying and cyberbullying for parents and educators.

Mr. Belsey is a winner of 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 from the Canadian Teacher's Federation.

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.

In October 2006, Mr. Belsey was named as a Fellow of the World Technology Network in the Education category at a gala event at 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 and Tim Burners-Lee, one of the co-creators of the World Wide Web, was honoured in the Internet category.

In November 2007 he was recognized with a nomination for the YMCA Peace Medal.

Mr. Belsey was asked to offer his input into the United National 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. He has appeared numerous times on the CTV and CBC National News. He has been a consultant to "The Dr. Phil Show" and ABC News 20/20 with Diane Sawyer. In an interview with Mr. Belsey on CBC TV's "The National", Peter Mansbridge referred to www.bullying.org as "One of the best Web sites in the world for children".

Mr. Belsey, who now lives in Cochrane, Alberta, with his wife, Helene (also a teacher), and two teenage children, decided to return to the classroom. He currently teaches grade five at Springbank Middle School for the Rockyview School Division. To check out his students' innovative work, do a Google search for "Canada's Coolest Class" then click on "I'm feeling lucky", you will be directed to www.coolclass.ca.

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