



Life Learning

Lessons from the Educational Frontier

edited by Wendy Priesnitz

This passionate new book is a collection of essays from the leading edge of educational theory and practice. It demonstrates how families around the world are embracing the philosophy of unschooling. **Life Learning** is the story of how children can personalize and control their own learning . . . and what adults can do (and stop doing) to help them.

Academics, parents and unschooled young people describe why non-compulsory, non-coercive, active, respectful, interest-led, family- and community-based learning from life is growing in popularity and will displace prescribed curriculum, standardized testing and the other regurgitation-based relics of our outmoded school system. This innovative

way of learning through living not only fosters intellectual development and academic achievement, it allows children and young people to develop an understanding of themselves and their place in modern society so they can create a better world.

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About the Editor:

Wendy Priesnitz is a North American unschooling pioneer and agent of change. She and her husband helped their two daughters learn at home when it was almost unheard of, beginning in the mid-1970s. In 1979, she founded the Canadian Alliance of Home Schoolers and continues to share her experience and long-term perspective through workshops, speeches, magazine articles and books. She has also served as leader of the Green Party of Canada, and authored nine other books, including *School Free* and *Challenging Assumptions in Education*. She is a former broadcaster and an award winning journalist, was the founding editor of *Life Learning* magazine and has edited *Natural Life* magazine since 1976.

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