

A Free Online Worldwide Homeschooling Conference

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August 6, 2013, Medford, MA: On August 23 to 24, 2013, the inaugural worldwide Homeschool Conference will occur, an online and free event. It will provide an opportunity for those involved with homeschooling, unschooling, free schools, democratic schools, and other forms of alternative and independent education to share strategies, practices, and resources. From how to start homeschooling to alternative ways of learning algebra, this conference is also valuable for traditional educators looking to expand their scope and understanding of teaching and learning practices.

The conference features a keynote by author Dr. Peter Gray (*Free To Learn*) and hundreds of presentations by current practitioners doing home-based learning, as well as from teachers and students in nontraditional learning environments.

Co-chaired by Steve Hargadon (<http://www.futureofeducation.com>) and Patrick Farenga (www.johnholtgws.com), The Homeschool Conference leverages online resources to promote self-directed learning and to demonstrate a range of options available to anyone who is dissatisfied with conventional schooling and seeks other ways to help children be happy, successful learners.

Steve Hargadon founded and runs the online social network for educators called [Classroom 2.0](#), runs [open and online conferences](#) for educators, and hosts an interview series called the [Future of Education](#). Patrick Farenga published *Growing Without Schooling* magazine for sixteen years, continuing the work of the late teacher/author John Holt. Farenga speaks and writes about alternatives to school and co-authored *Teach Your Own: The John Holt Book of Homeschooling*. His most recent book is *The Legacy of John Holt: A Man Who Genuinely Understood, Trusted, and Respected Children*.

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