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Free Professional Development for Teachers by Teachers

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**Sockwell Center for Professional
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EdcampPlano: Education “unconference” Comes to the Sockwell Center Professional Development – Plano, TX in May 2011

EdcampPlano, a free conference for teachers, administrators, and anyone involved in education comes to the Sockwell Center for Professional Development – Plano, TX in May 2011.

Plano, TX – May 14, 2011 – EdcampPlano, an education conference and the first of its kind in Texas, will be held at the Sockwell Center for Professional Development on Saturday, May 14. The structure of the conference is very informal, with attendees signing up to lead break out sessions.

The conference will be free from corporate vendors and booths, with the focus being solely on conversations about education. Attendees will come from all over North Texas and will range from classroom teachers, coaches, and administrators to school board members. There will be time for attendees to gather informally to share ideas as well as a variety of sessions for them to attend that will all be run by their colleagues and fellow educators.

The first edcamp event was held in Philadelphia, PA in May 2010. Information about the inaugural event is available on its website <http://www.edcampphilly.org/>.

The event is based on the barcamp model, also known as an “unconference” <http://barcamp.org/>. An unconference is:

an ad-hoc gathering from the desire of people to share and learn in an open environment; and a conversational event featuring discussions, demos and interactions between participants, rather than a group of people listening to a particular speaker.

EdcampPlano is completely free, with all refreshments and other amenities provide solely through sponsorship and donation. With the possibility of hundreds of attendees, the organizers are looking for local businesses who may be interested in being featured in the conference literature. Those interested in being a sponsor can make donations and/or contact the organizers on the website <http://edcampplano.wikispaces.com/>.

The organizers are excited to start what will hopefully be an annual gathering of forward thinking, innovative and engaging professionals in the North Texas area.

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