5. iLRN Illuminators Forum — episode #5: At the Threshold: Recasting iLRN as an Open Immersive Learning Society; (January 2nd, 2026) - with Caitlin Krause

iLRN ILLUMINATORS FORUM #5

The weekly scanning forum supporting the iLRN Immersive Futures — State of XR & Immersive Learning 2026 report

Episode Title: **Immersive Learning at the Threshold: Recasting iLRN as an Open Immersive Learning Society**

YouTube Recording link: https://youtu.be/OFtJBMvH8IY



> Purpose: To convene the global immersive learning community at a pivotal moment for the field—inviting shared responsibility, collective sense-making, and forward-looking vision in support of the 2026 State of XR & Immersive Learning effort.

> Date: January 2, 2026

> Time: 2:00–3:00 PM Pacific / 5:00–6:00 PM Eastern

> Media: Live webinar + recording + survey + forum

> New Session Type : Instead of Report & Special Guest Discussion, this week opened participatory dialogue and open reflection (including asynchronous opportunities)

Host: iLRN CEO Jonathon Richter, Ed.D.

iLRN Survey: What's your vision for the immersive learning field in 2026?

https://tally.so/r/kdeyde

SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY:

Caitlin Krause

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Posted Webinar Description: As we begin 2026, immersive learning appears to be crossing a genuine threshold. Over the past decade, the field has moved from experimentation to legitimacy. Evidence has matured. Practices have diversified. Expectations—societal, institutional, and ethical—have sharpened.

Happy 2026! What feels different now is not simply technological acceleration, but a shift in responsibility.

Immersive environments are increasingly used to rehearse real decisions, shape public understanding, and mediate collective experience. That raises a larger question for all of us working in this space:

What should immersive learning be accountable for in 2026?

This Friday's Illuminators' Forum is intentionally designed for everyone—researchers, educators, designers, developers, students, and institutional leaders—whether you join us live or engage asynchronously afterward.

If you can join live, we'll reflect together on where immersive learning stands today and what signals matter most.

If you can't attend, we invite you to watch the recording and contribute your perspective through a short vision form.

This conversation directly supports our recasting of the Immersive Learning Research Network as an Open Immersive Society—one grounded in shared evidence, plural perspectives, and public responsibility.

• Share your 2026 vision: https://tally.so/r/kdeyde

Yes... Immersive learning is entering a consequential phase... this is the moment to help shape it—together!

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