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Will Richardson has spent the last dozen years developing an international reputation as a leading thinker and writer about the intersection of social online learning networks and education. He was one of a handful of original education bloggers (willrichardson.com) and his work has appeared in numerous journals, newspapers, and magazines such as *Ed Leadership, District Administration, Education Week, The New York Times* and *English Journal.* He is an outspoken advocate for change in schools and classrooms in the context of the diverse new learning opportunities that the Web and other technologies now offer. Will has authored six books, most recently *From Master Teacher to Master Learner* (2015, Solution Tree Press) and *Freedom to Learn* (2016, Solution Tree Press). In total, his books have sold over 150,000 copies worldwide. A former public school educator of 22 years, Will is a co-founder of Modern Learner Media and co-publisher of ModernLearners.com which is a site dedicated to helping educational leaders and policy makers develop new contexts for new conversations around education. Over the past eight years, he has spoken to hundreds of thousands of educators in over a dozen countries about the merits of online learning networks for personal and professional growth.