

## **Top L&D/Workplace Trends Setting** the Stage for a New Normal in 2021

176 learning and development (L&D) leaders participated in our 2021 Enterprise Learning Trends survey, sharing how they plan to adapt and pivot in a changing world.



### **Preparing for the Unknown**

More companies now have a proactive plan in place to handle major events that could affect employees or internal knowledge sets.\*

\*Based on 2020 vs 2019 CGS survey responses





### 6 out of 10

L&D leaders expect that current or anticipated market conditions will alter their company's products or services in 2021.

### Adapting L&D

Top drivers of training and learning initiatives in 2021\*

\*Percentages based on amount of respondents who selected these options as a top-three driver.



#### Part of being proactive and adaptable means providing ongoing L&D

How often do you expect your team to roll out learning initiatives to employees in 2021?



#### L&D initiatives will need to be geared toward getting employees up to speed in a changing world

Top priorities to prepare for future needs and trends in learning \*

\*Percentages based on number of respondents who selected these options as a high or highest priority.





### **Preparing for Change Takes Time**

# 68% of L&D leaders are spending over one-quarter of their time redesigning or rethinking L&D due to COVID-19 That time and resource allocation also includes a shift to new learning formats Formats most likely to be used more in 2021\* \*Percentages based on number of respondents who plan to increase usage of these options in 2021. 73% 57%





Video

Microlearning

User/employee generated content

#### While 3/4 of respondents plan to increase use of video, only 14% plan to use ILT.

ILT has fallen out of favor due to COVID restrictions and this trend will continue throughout 2021.



1 out of 3 Learning Leaders

plan to reduce the use of this format (ILT)

### **Going Forward**

Organizations will need to stay flexible and leverage L&D to meet new challenges.



Managers must doggedly question established assumptions, especially the ideas adopted under conditions of extreme uncertainty ... Organizations should accept that they will be wrong and celebrate learning quickly from experience.

- McKinsey. "When nothing is normal: Managing in extreme uncertainty." Nov. 2, 2020.

In addition to the insights shared here, our research explores several other areas regarding how L&D leaders across industries and business sizes are pivoting in 2021, including how they can better integrate L&D across their organizations.

For a deeper dive, download:

CGS Enterprise Learning 2021 Report  $\, \sim \,$ 

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