



Walking Together EDUCATION FOR RECONCILIATION

Indigenous Education Opportunities and Resources

Professional Development Opportunities

Grounded in Truth, Soaring with Knowledge, 12th Annual Conference 2018

The Social Studies and First Nations, Métis and Inuit Specialist Councils are collaborating to host the upcoming conference on 2018 10 10–13 at the River Cree Resort & Casino in Enoch, Alberta. This conference will support all educators with increasing capacity in First Nations, Métis, and Inuit foundational knowledge. Check out the website for information on registration, presenter proposals and vendor information:

<https://fnmiec.atapd.ca/initiative/soaring-with-knowledge-annual-conference-2018>

Check out the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Council (FNMIEC) website for information on the FNMIEC Aboriginal Educator Award: www.fnmiec.ca/

Indigenous Canada Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), University of Alberta

This online course provides professional learning support through an online platform and includes valuable resources to deepen awareness and understanding of Indigenous histories and contemporary issues in Canada. There are opportunities to participate in this course free of charge, pay a modest fee for certification or take the course for credits. See the website for additional information:

www.ualberta.ca/admissions-programs/online-courses/indigenous-canada

It's Our Time Assembly of First Nations Education Tool Kit, iTunes Course

The Assembly of First Nations has developed an iTunes course to support educators in their development of knowledge about the cultures, languages and histories of First Nations, Métis and Inuit in Canada. This valuable resource increases educators' foundational knowledge of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit. Topics include treaties, residential schools and much more! Check out this free course available through iTunes:

<https://itunes.apple.com/ca/course/its-our-time-afn-education-tool-kit/id1199604596>

Stabilizing Indigenous Languages Symposium, 2018 06 07–09, University of Lethbridge

Stabilizing Indigenous Languages Symposium is the oldest and largest gathering of Indigenous language stakeholders in North America. This gathering provides learning opportunities for educators on topics, such as research, instructional skills and community-based initiatives. Check the website for more information: <http://www.sils2018.ca/>

Educator Resources

National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day (formerly known as National Aboriginal Day). This is a day to celebrate the rich, vibrant and diverse cultures, languages and histories of Indigenous people in Canada. Indigenous organizations and the Government of Canada selected June 21, the summer solstice, as this day is significant to many Indigenous people. National Indigenous Peoples Day is an opportunity for school communities to participate in the celebration. Here are some ways to celebrate the Day in your school community:

- Invite an Indigenous Elder, Knowledge Keeper or Cultural Advisor to share knowledge about your local area
- Highlight First Nations, Métis and Inuit literature in your classroom
- Check out the Government of Canada’s website for additional information, including suggestions to plan for National Indigenous Peoples Day
www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100013248/1100100013249
- Look for events planned in your area that celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day

Honouring Memories, Planting Dreams

Celebrated in May and June, Honouring Memories, Planting Dreams invites individuals and organizations to join in reconciliation by planting heart gardens in their communities. Heart gardens honour residential school survivors and their families, as well as the legacy of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. Each heart represents the memory of a child lost to the residential school system, and the act of planting represents that individual’s commitment to finding their place in reconciliation. In 2017, more than 4,500 hearts were planted in gardens across Canada. Check out the First Nations Child & Caring Society of Canada’s website for additional resources, including the template for planting a heart garden and seed packets.

www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100013248/1100100013249

Google Earth Map of Residential Schools in Canada

In collaboration with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, Google Earth has created access to Canada’s Residential Schools via its online platform. Resources and background information are available on the website. Visit Google Earth and search “Canada’s Residential Schools.” <https://earth.google.com/web/>