



Walking Together EDUCATION FOR RECONCILIATION

Indigenous Education Opportunities and Resources

September 2018

Educator Resources

Orange Shirt Day is September 30, 2018

Orange Shirt Day is a growing movement of reconciliation, and legacy of the 2013 St. Joseph Mission residential school commemoration event, held in Williams Lake, B.C. It grew out of a former student's account of having her brand-new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school.

Wearing an Orange Shirt is meant to recognize the harm done to residential school students, and show a commitment to the principle that every child matters. A date in September was chosen because it is the time of year when children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year.

Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools, and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. Check out the Safe & Caring Schools' website for additional information, resources and events happening in your area: <http://safeandcaring.ca/orangeshirtday/>

Empowering the Spirit, Alberta Regional Professional Development Consortia (ARPDC)

This website provides support for all levels within school jurisdictions to increase awareness, understanding and application of First Nations, Métis and Inuit histories, perspectives and ways of knowing for the purpose of implementing treaty and residential schools education and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action. This website provides support through foundational knowledge, experiential learning, professional learning resources, and additional resources. Check out the website to access these valuable resources: <http://empoweringthespirit.ca/>

Be Fit for Life, Indigenous Traditional Games

The Be Fit For Life Network is a provincial initiative comprised of 9 regional centres, located in Colleges and Universities across Alberta. The Network works together, alongside many partners to inspire, educate and support Albertans to lead healthy, physically active lifestyles. Check out the resources to support Indigenous Traditional Games, lesson plans and activity cards are included on the website: <http://befitforlife.ca/resources/>

Professional Development Opportunities

Indspire National Gathering for Indigenous Education

At this annual gathering, we bring together educators and partners from across the country to share their experiences and strategies for educating K-12 Indigenous students. This year's theme is Transforming Education through Reconciliation. This year's event will take place in Edmonton at the Shaw Conference Centre on November 7, 2018: Pre-Gathering Workshops and November 8-9, 2018: National Gathering. Registration and additional information is available online: <https://indspire.ca/national-gathering/>

Grounded in Truth and Soaring With Knowledge Fall Conference October 11, 12 & 13th

Early Bird Registration is \$300, before Aug. 31
\$350 after Aug. 31

The First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Council, Social Studies Council and the Global, Environmental and Outdoor Education Council join together to bring an amazing Professional Learning Opportunity to you!

[Click here to visit the registration website](#)

Keynote speakers:
Laura Grizzleypaws
Tzeporah Berman

There will also be land-based excursions, including:

- River Walk with Dwayne Donald
- Tipi Teaching from Enoch Elders

Location: River Cree Resort and Casino, Enoch, Alberta

Click here to visit the website for more information on the program: <https://fnnieec.atapd.ca/initiative/soaring-with-knowledge-annual-conference-2018/overview>