



20th Annual Aboriginal Education Conference

DECEMBER 4-6 2014 THE WESTIN BAYSHORE VANCOUVER BC

20 Years: Transforming Education

Mark your calendar!

Showcasing innovative curriculum, inspiring people and networking opportunities, the First Nations Education Steering Committee Annual Aboriginal Education Conference draws several hundred educators each year. In recognition of our 20th anniversary, the conference theme is *20 Years: Transforming Education*.

Everyone is welcome and it is an opportunity for sharing, learning and celebrating our achievements.

- Online registration opens in early October at www.fnesc.ca/conferences
- Exhibitor registration opens September 15th
- Information: conference@fnesc.ca
Toll-free 1-877-422-3672
- Rates (subject to change): Regular \$450 (until Nov. 14, then \$490), Elders (60+) \$390, Students \$390
- Hotel: The Westin Bayshore Vancouver, rooms from \$125+tx. Book by November 4th
Reservations: 604-682-3377 quoting "FNEsc Conference"

Call for Workshops

We are seeking a range of workshops suitable for educators and education administrators, K-12, in BC schools, across a variety of grades and subject levels. Workshops will demonstrate effective, innovative and research-based practices and resources relating to Aboriginal education.

Workshops are 1.5 hours in length, presented twice on the same day (December 5 or 6th).

Apply by **September 11, 2014**

Guidelines & application form: www.fnesc.ca/conferences

Workshop Guidelines

Here are some general guidelines about workshops for the First Nations Education Steering Committee Aboriginal Education Conference.

What workshop topics are invited? Priority will go to workshops that have the following qualities/features:

- Relate to the theme (20 Years: Transforming Education)
- Initiatives to improve Aboriginal student achievement
- Examples of quality First Nations curriculum
- Research-based, effective and innovative community, district, school and/or classroom-level practices
- Clear indicators of success with supporting evidence
- Hands-on, interactive learning experiences, and take-home materials

We try to represent a variety of subject areas, including...

- First Nations Languages & Cultures
- First Nations Curriculum
- Technology
- Fine Arts
- Early/Primary Literacy and Language Development
- Intermediate Literacy
- Parental Engagement
- Health, Wellness and Recreation
- Maths and Sciences

What workshops are not eligible? Workshops that are for-profit or promotion-focused will not be accepted. There may be exhibit table opportunities.

What is the scope/level? K-12 education is the main focus, but workshop proposals relevant to early childhood, higher education and transitions are welcome too.

Who will be my audience? Typically, teachers, principals/administrators and others from BC public schools and First Nations schools will attend. Expect anywhere from 20 to 100 people. Participant numbers will be confirmed a month prior the event.

Workshop length: 1.5 hours, presented twice on the same day.

How will I know if my workshop is accepted? You will be notified by late-September, by email.

What are the workshop benefits? Presenters will receive a letter describing eligible benefits, which may include such things as hotel, travel reimbursement and registration fee waiver. For hotel and travel benefits, **there is a limit of two people per workshop**. Preference may be given to BC-based presenters. We cannot pay a workshop/speaker fee. Materials fees must be preapproved.