



First Nations Languages Conference

VANCOUVER, BC OCT 7-8, 2019 PINNACLE HARBOURFRONT HOTEL

The First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) is pleased to present the First Nations Languages Conference, which is a major networking and professional development opportunity for BC's school and community-based First Nations language educators and advocates.

Our conference theme, *Xay Sts'itsáp - Carrying on the Sacred Work*, is a Skwxw7mesh phrase inspired by the work of the late Snitelwet-t Dr. Deborah Jacobs, a founding member of FNESC and an accomplished, highly dedicated First Nations languages leader.

The conference will explore the following main topics:

- Language teaching – creating and using language curriculum, resources, effective teaching methods, assessment, and planning
- Language revitalization, policy, and advocacy
- Technology – tools and applications to assist in language teaching and revitalization

Features:

CELEBRATING LANGUAGE CHAMPIONS At the conference we will be recognizing new BC First Nations Language Champions who have made significant contributions to the future of their First Nations language.

RESOURCE SHARING There will be a space at the conference for the recognition of all Language Champions and for the sharing of sample language resources.

WORKSHOPS Four sessions will be offered, each with a variety of workshops. Participants will be invited to select workshops in September once the schedule is finalized.

BE A LANGUAGE LEARNER Broaden your language horizons in these fun and interactive language learning sessions, hosted by respected language teachers from around the province.



Registration and News

www.fnesc.ca/languages-conference

First Nations Education Steering Committee

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Registration

Registration Rates

\$250 Regular, \$150 Elder (60+), \$150 Student with student card, \$150 One Day, \$0 Language Champion (recognized at past conference)

Register online at www.fnesc.ca/languages-conference

Group Registrations

Step 1: All group registration participants must first register individually online so we can apply payment when the cheque or credit card payment arrives.

Step 2: Payment for groups must be made by credit card or by cheque. Cheque payments for groups must be accompanied by a "Group Listing Form" (available on the event website). That form can also be used to request invoicing.

Refund Policy

Full refunds up to and including September 27, 2019, no refunds after. Substitutions allowed.

Payment Options

Registration fees must be received in advance of the event. Unpaid registrations will be cancelled.

Cheques are payable to the **First Nations Education Steering Committee**. Mail to: First Nations Education Steering Committee, Suite 113 – 100 Park Royal South, West Vancouver V7T 1A2.

Important: Please indicate "Languages Conference" on the cheque.

Organizing Registration for a Group?

Ask your group members to put your email on the registration form where it says "alternate email" to receive a copy of their registration.

Meals

Buffet breakfasts and lunches will be provided October 7-8. Please indicate special dietary requirements or major allergies on your registration or contact **the organizers** at least 2 weeks in advance of the event.

Door Prizes

Participants are asked to bring a small door prize to the event if possible.

Sharing Tables

There will be one exhibit table that all participants can use to share flyers and brochures about opportunities and resources relating to First Nations languages.

There may also be space available for displaying samples of language teaching resources. Bring your (non-valuable) items to put on display.

Getting There

The conference venue is the Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront, 1133 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC

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Accommodation

Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront,
1133 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC
Rooms from \$209+tx single/double

Book accommodation by **September 16, 2019**. It is highly recommended to book accommodation early.

Reservations: 1-844-337-3118 or 604-689-9211 quoting "FNESC Languages Conference."

Contact

For event questions, please contact:

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Our schedule is under development. Find the most current schedule, registration, workshops, accommodation and more at www.fnesc.ca/languages-conference

Schedule

Monday, October 7, 2019

8:00 am Breakfast and Registration

8:50 am Traditional Welcome

8:55 am Opening Comments

9:00 am Keynote address by Grand Chief Edward John (Akile Ch'oh)

9:45 am Break

10:00 am Workshops, Session 1

11:30 am Panel Presentation

12:15 pm Lunch

1:15 pm Workshops, Session 2

2:45 pm Break

3:00 pm Be a Language Learner

4:15 pm End of the Day

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

7:45 am Breakfast

8:45 am Welcome and Opening

8:50 am Honouring the BC First Nations Language Champions

10:10 am Break

10:30 am Workshops, Session 3

12:00 pm Lunch

12:45 pm Keynote Address by Umeek Dr. Richard Atleo

1:30 pm Workshops, Session 4

3:00 pm Closing and Door Prizes

3:30 pm End of Day
