



RESILIENCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION: A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

26TH ANNUAL FNESC EDUCATION CONFERENCE
DECEMBER 8-10, 2022 | VANCOUVER, BC



Registration and News
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About the Event

The 26th Annual First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNEC) Education Conference will bring together educators, administrators and partners to learn, share, and be inspired, with a focus on advancing quality education for First Nations learners in BC. We are grateful to return to an in-person conference this year and for the opportunities it will afford for learning and sharing.

Our conference theme, *Resilience and Self-Determination: A Vision for the Future*, challenges us to reflect upon the history of First Nations education in BC and to learn about the consistent efforts of First Nations to exercise First Nations Control of First Nations Education. At the conference this year we are celebrating the first four First Nations - ʔaq'am, Cowichan Tribes, Seabird Island and Lil'wat Nation - to fully implement their education jurisdiction, with law making authority. We are also looking forward to sharing information about the new Indigenous-focused graduation requirement, which will ensure that all secondary school students graduate with knowledge of Indigenous cultures and perspectives.

An exciting agenda is being planned, with guest speakers, panels, and over two dozen workshops. Find the latest details at www.fnesc.ca/conference.

Call for Workshops

FNEC is seeking workshops to complement this year's conference theme, *Resilience and Self-Determination: A Vision for the Future*, and demonstrate effective, innovative and evidence-based practices and resources. If you are interested in presenting a workshop at the conference, you can find the application form on our event webpage at: www.fnesc.ca/conference/#workshop.

Registration

Registration Rates

\$550 Regular, \$375 Elder (60+), \$375 Student, \$300 One Day. GST included.

Register online at www.fnesc.ca/conference/#registration.

Participants will be invited to select workshops in October 2022.

Group Registrations

Step 1: All group members must register.

Step 2: Payment may be made by credit card or by cheque. If by cheque, the cheque must be accompanied by a Group Registration Form (available on the event webpage). That form can also be used to request an invoice.

Out-of-Province Residents: BC residents have registration priority. Out-of-province residents may register but they will be waitlisted and confirmed closer to the time of the event if registration space is available.

Policies

Refunds: Full refunds up to and including November 15, 2022. Substitutions allowed.

Registration Fees: Full payment must be received by November 15, 2022 or the registration will be cancelled. Registration payments will not be accepted on-site at the event.

Groups: Cheque payments for groups must be accompanied by a "Group Registration Form" showing the name, email and registration fee of each registrant.

Cheques: 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.



Registration Tips

Organizing registration for a group?

Ask your group members to put your email on the registration form where it says “additional email”. You will receive a copy of their registration.

Deciding whether to register?

We suggest that you register and book your hotel as soon as you are eligible to avoid disappointment. Both the conference and hotel will fill up quickly.

Meals

The December 8 opening night social event and benefit auction includes light finger foods and refreshments.

Breakfasts, lunch and nutrition breaks will be provided on December 9-10.

Please indicate major dietary needs/allergies on your registration form or notify conference@fnesc.ca at least two weeks in advance of the event.

Exhibitor Applications

FNEC is seeking exhibitors to participate in our conference.

An exhibitor application form and details are available at www.fnesc.ca/conference/#exhibitor.

Sharing Table

The Sharing Table is an exhibit table for sharing information about learning resources, professional development opportunities, and other initiatives relating to First Nations education. Drop off your flyers/brochures at the registration desk and they will be put on display on December 10. FNEC reserves the right to choose which items are displayed.

Photography & Filming

This is a public event where photography and video-recording will take place. The images and recordings will be used by FNEC for promotional purposes. In case of questions, please contact privacy@fnesc.ca.

Health Protocols

FNEC is committed to protecting the health and safety of participants and staff at our events. Further details will be sent to participants at a later date.

Venue & Accommodation

The Westin Bayshore Hotel, [1601 Bayshore Drive, Vancouver, BC](https://www.westin.com/en-ca/hotels/bayshore).

Rooms from \$152+tx single/double
Book by **November 7, 2022** for the negotiated rate. It is highly recommended to book accommodation early.

[Booking link](#)

Reservations: 604-682-3377
bayshore.reservations@westin.com quoting “FNEC 2022 Conference.”

Thank you to the Westin Bayshore for donating \$4 per room night to the Seventh Generation Club!

Parking

Parking at The Westin Bayshore is available at 1620 Bayshore Drive.

Guests staying at The Westin Bayshore can access a discounted parking rate of \$25.50/day for 24-hour self-parking.

For those attending the conference but staying elsewhere, there is a discounted self-parking rate of \$16.25/day from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Parking instructions will be sent to registrants prior to the event.



Program (draft)

Our schedule is taking shape! For updates about our guest speakers and workshops, please visit www.fnesc.ca/conference/#program. All registrants will be contacted in October when workshop selection is available.

Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022

Opening Evening

6:00 pm	Registration Opens
7:00 pm	Social Evening with Cultural Event and Benefit Auction for the Seventh Generation Club
9:00 pm	Closing

An evening of reconnection and cultural celebration. The opening evening of the conference will feature entertainment and a benefit auction in support of the Seventh Generation Club. The club, which has thousands of members from 6-16 years of age, encourages students to attend school regularly, plan for higher education and careers, and celebrate their cultures.

All conference registrants are invited to attend. Light refreshments, coffee and tea will be served.

Friday, Dec. 9, 2022

7:30 am	Registration Opens
8:00 am	Breakfast
8:45 am	Welcome to the Territory
8:50 am	Opening Remarks
9:15 am	Recognizing First Nations Education Jurisdiction and the First Nations Education Authority (FNEA)
9:30 am	Keynote Address by The Honourable Steven Point, OBC (Xwě lī qwěi těi)
10:10 am	Break
10:30 am	Workshop Session 1
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	First Nations Authors Panel
1:55 pm	Break
2:15 pm	Workshop Session 2
3:45 pm	Close of the Day

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022

8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Opening Remarks
9:10 am	Celebration of the New Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement
10:05 am	Break
10:30 am	Workshop Session 3
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Workshop Session 4
2:30 pm	Break
2:40 pm	Reflections and Door Prizes
3:00 pm	Close of the Day