



# TRANSFORMING EDUCATION THROUGH THE DRIPA ACTION PLAN

**27<sup>th</sup> Annual FNE SC Education Conference**  
**NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 2, 2023 | VANCOUVER, BC**



Registration and News  
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## About the Event

The 27th Annual First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNEESC) Education Conference is an event dedicated to advancing quality education for First Nations learners in BC. Our conference supports the capacity of all those in the education system to make transformative changes in First Nations education by supporting innovative practices and inspiring one-another.

The Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA) Action Plan includes 17 priority actions related to education, reflecting the goals of Self-Determination and the Inherent Right of Self-Government, Ending Indigenous-Specific Racism and Discrimination, and Social, Cultural and Economic Well-being. This year's theme, *Transforming Education Through the DRIPA Action Plan*, speaks to the potential for positive change in the education system as a result of implementing the Action Plan.

FNEESC's conference brings together approximately 750 people each year. In keeping with the principle of lifelong learning, more than two dozen workshops are offered featuring topics relating to K-12 education, adult education, and post-secondary education.

Information about this event can be found at [www.fnesc.ca/conference](http://www.fnesc.ca/conference).

## Workshop Proposals Invited

FNEESC is seeking workshops that complement this year's conference theme, *Transforming Education Through the DRIPA Action Plan*, and demonstrate effective, innovative and evidence-based practices and resources. Visit our conference webpage for the workshop application form.

Workshops that involve collaboration between public schools / school districts, independent schools, and local First Nations are strongly encouraged.

Up to two presenters per workshop may be eligible for free registration, hotel, and travel reimbursement. FNEESC travel claim policies will apply.

## Registration

### *Registration Rates*

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

Register online at

<https://www.fnesc.ca/conference/#registration>

Registrants will be notified by email when it is time to select workshops. Workshop selection will be in November.

Early registration, beginning August 31<sup>st</sup> 2pm is available to leadership and employees of First Nations in BC. Other BC residents can register beginning September 7<sup>th</sup>.

### *Requesting an Invoice*

To request an invoice, please email [conference@fnesc.ca](mailto:conference@fnesc.ca) with "Invoice Request" in the subject line, providing the names of the registrants and the billing details. **FNEESC will only invoice after people have registered online.** Invoices must be fully paid by November 15<sup>th</sup>. There is no group registration form this year.

### *Refunds*

Full refunds up to and including November 15<sup>th</sup>. Substitutions allowed.

### *Registration Fees*

Full payment must be received by November 15<sup>th</sup> or the registration will be cancelled. Payments will not be accepted on-site at the event.

### *Payments*

Payments can be made to our registration provider, CivicInfo, by credit card during registration or by using the link in your registration confirmation email. 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. **All cheques must be accompanied by a list of registrants.**

### *Out-of-Province Registrants*

BC residents have registration priority. Out-of-province residents may join the [waitlist](#) and they will be invited to register if registration space becomes available.

## 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?*

To avoid disappointment, we recommend that you register for the conference and book your hotel as soon as you are eligible. Both the conference and hotel may fill up quickly.

## Meals

The November 30<sup>th</sup> opening night is a social event and benefit auction that will include light finger foods and refreshments.

Breakfasts, lunch and nutrition breaks will be provided on December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Please indicate major dietary needs/allergies on your registration form or notify [conference@fnesec.ca](mailto:conference@fnesec.ca) at least two weeks in advance of the event.

## Sharing Table

The Sharing Table is an opportunity 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. FNEESC 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 FNEESC for promotional purposes. In case of questions, please contact [conference@fnesec.ca](mailto:conference@fnesec.ca)

## Health Protocols

FNEESC 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](#).

Rooms from \$157+tx single/double  
Book by **October 29, 2023** for the negotiated rate. It is recommended to book accommodation early.

[Booking link](#)

Reservations: 604-682-3377  
[bayshore.reservations@westin.com](mailto:bayshore.reservations@westin.com) quoting “FNEESC 2023 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.

## Schedule (subject to change)

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

### Thursday, November 30 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. Appetizers, coffee and tea will be served.

### Friday, December 1

7:30 am	Registration Opens
8:00 am	Breakfast
	<i>Master of Ceremonies: Deborah Jeffrey, FNEC Executive Director</i>
8:45 am	Welcome to the Territory
9:00 am	Opening Remarks, Tyrone McNeil, President, FNEC
9:15 am	Event
9:50 am	The Honourable Rachna Singh, Minister of Education and Child Care
10:05 am	Remarks
10:10 am	Nutrition Break
10:30 am	Session 1
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Session 2
2:30 pm	Nutrition Break
2:50 pm	Session 3
3:30 pm	Transition
3:40 pm	Session 4
4:20 pm	Close of the Day

### Saturday, December 2

8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Opening Remarks
	<i>Master of Ceremonies: Tyrone McNeil, President, FNEC</i>
9:10 am	Keynote
10:05 am	Nutrition Break
10:30 am	Session 5
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Session 6
2:30 pm	Nutrition Break
2:50 pm	Session 7
3:30 pm	Transition
3:40 pm	Reflections and Door Prizes
4:00 pm	Close of the Day