



Connecting to Our Land

FNESC Education Conference

DECEMBER 12-14, 2024 | VANCOUVER, BC



Registration and News
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Join us for the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) Education Conference, an event focused on advancing First Nations education in BC.

This event is an opportunity for educators and education administrators to build knowledge, network and share. Our goal is to increase the capacity of all those in the education system to make transformative changes in First Nations education.

The conference theme, *Connecting to Our Land*, will explore how First Nations connections to the land are the foundation for many aspects of learning and education. Conference events and workshops will explore language learning, ecological learning, on-the-land learning, and much more.

The conference brings together approximately 750 people annually. In keeping with the principle of lifelong learning, more than two dozen workshops are offered featuring topics of interest to K-12 education, adult education, and post-secondary education.

Register and learn more at
www.fnesc.ca/conference

Registration

Registration Rates

\$650 Regular, \$450 Elder (60+), \$450 Student with valid student card. GST included.

Register online at www.fnesc.ca/conference. Alternatively, you can use the direct link

We anticipate that workshop selection will open in November.

Group Invoicing

To request an invoice for a group of registrants, please send a list of registered participants to conference@fnesc.ca with “Group Invoice Request” in the subject line and provide billing details. All group members must register individually before invoicing can occur.

Registration Fees

Full payment must be received by November 28, 2024 or the registration may be cancelled and workshop selections ineligible.

Important Note

In past years, the conference and hotel have reached capacity quickly and we have had a registration waitlist. We recommend registering early to avoid disappointment.

Workshop Proposals Invited

FNESC is seeking workshops that complement this year’s conference theme, *Connecting to Our Land*, and demonstrate effective, innovative and evidence-based practices, programs, and resources. Visit our event webpage www.fnesc.ca/conference for the workshop application form and for information about presenter benefits.



Venue & Accommodation

The Westin Bayshore Hotel, 1601 Bayshore Drive, Vancouver, BC. Book by **November 11, 2024**, for the negotiated rate of rooms from \$163+tx single/double. Quote “**FNESC 2024 Conference**” when booking.

[Booking link](#)

Phone: 604-682-3377

bayshore.reservations@westin.com

Parking

Parking at The Westin Bayshore is available at 1620 Bayshore Drive. Parking instructions will be sent to registrants prior to the event.

Guests staying at The Westin Bayshore can access a discounted parking rate of \$27.50/day for 24-hour self-parking.

For those attending the conference but staying elsewhere, there is a discounted self-parking rate of \$18.25/day from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Meals

The December 12th opening night is a social event and benefit auction and it will include light finger foods and refreshments. Breakfasts, lunch and nutrition breaks will be provided on December 13th and 14th.

Sharing Table

The Sharing Table is a shared exhibit table for information about learning resources, professional development opportunities, and other initiatives relating to First Nations education. Drop off your flyers/brochures at the information and directions desk and they will be put on display on December 14th. FNESC reserves the right to choose which items are displayed.

Health

Please stay home if you are feeling unwell. Only registered participants are eligible to attend. Family and friends cannot attend the event at any time, including for meals. The decision to attend in-person events is a personal one and it should be made in consideration of your individual risk factors and vulnerabilities.

Photography & Filming

This is a public event where photography and videorecording will take place. The images and recordings will be used by FNESC for promotional purposes. In case of questions, please contact conference@fnesc.ca.

Schedule (subject to change)

Our schedule is taking shape! For updates about our guest speakers and workshops, please visit www.fnesc.ca/conference/#program. We anticipate that workshop registration will open in November and participants will be notified.

Thursday, December 12th Opening Evening

All conference registrants are invited to first check in for the conference and then stay for the opening evening.

Light refreshments, coffee and tea will be served and entertainment is being planned.

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| 6:00 pm | Conference Check-in |
| 7:00 pm | Social Evening with Cultural Event and Benefit Auction for the Seventh Generation Club |
| 9:00 pm | Closing |

Auction Donations

Donations for our benefit auction for the Seventh Generation Club are gladly accepted. Please contact us for details at conference@fnesc.ca.

Friday, December 13th

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| 7:30 am | Conference Check-in |
| 8:00 am | Breakfast |
| 9:00 am | Welcome to the Territory |
| 9:10 am | Opening Remarks |
| 9:20 am | Keynote |
| 10:15 am | Nutrition Break |
| 10:30 am | Plenary Presentations |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch |
| 1:00 pm | Workshop Session 1 |
| 2:30 pm | Nutrition Break |
| 2:45 pm | Workshop Session 2 |
| 4:15 pm | Close of the Day |

4:30 to 6:00 pm UBC Event: NITEP Alumni and Friends Reception and Reconciliation and Decolonization Alumni Award Presentation

Saturday, December 14th

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| 8:00 am | Breakfast |
| 9:00 am | Opening Remarks |
| 9:10 am | Plenary Presentation |
| 10:10 am | Nutrition Break |
| 10:30 am | Workshop Session 3 |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch |
| 1:00 pm | Plenary Presentation |
| 1:45 pm | Workshop Session 4 |
| 3:15 pm | Reflections and Door Prizes |
| 3:30 pm | Close of the Day |