



FNESC EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Reconciliation through Education

December 4-5, 2026 | Vancouver, BC

REGISTRATION GUIDE

The annual FNESC Education Conference is focused on advancing quality First Nations education in British Columbia.

This year's conference theme, ***Reconciliation through Education***, recognizes education as a powerful tool for advancing reconciliation. Transformative changes in educational policies, practices, and learning environments are key to advancing reconciliation in BC. The conference will explore effective approaches to center First Nations learners and create respectful and inclusive education systems.

Conference participants will include educators and education administrators from First Nations, public and independent schools, school districts, and public post-secondary institutions in BC.

Registration & News

First Nations Education Steering Committee

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



Planning Your Conference Experience

Registration

Rates & Registration

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

Early registration opens for BC First Nations (*leadership and employees of First Nations in BC*) on **Tuesday, September 29th at 12:00 pm.**

Registration opens for other BC residents on **Monday, October 5th at 12:00 pm.**

The hotel block opens on **Tuesday, October 6th at 12:00 pm.**

Given the high demand for seats at this conference, only residents of British Columbia are eligible to register.

Register online at <https://www.fnesc.ca/conference/>.

Upon successfully registering, you will receive an email registration confirmation.

Full payment must be received by Friday, November 20, 2026.

Each participant must be registered with a unique email address so that they will receive follow up correspondence directly.

To make changes to your registration, please use the change/cancellation request link in the registration confirmation email or request the change via email to conference@fnesc.ca.

Group Invoicing

To request group invoicing, email a list of registered participants and billing contact details (including an email and full mailing address) to conference@fnesc.ca with “Group Invoice Request” in the subject line.

All group members must register online before invoicing can occur.

Invoicing is scheduled to begin in mid October.

Workshop Selection

Workshop selection will take place in November 2026 and is not part of the initial conference registration process. Participants will select workshops by using the “Select your Workshop Sessions” link in their registration confirmation email. This email will be sent from **CivicInfo BC – Registration Services**.

The date for workshop selection will be announced on the conference website and participants will also be notified by email.

Venue & Accommodation

The Westin Bayshore Hotel, 1601 Bayshore Drive, Vancouver. The negotiated room rate is \$254 plus tax for a single or double room.

The conference booking link will be available on the website beginning Tuesday, October 6th at 12:00 pm.

Questions?

Please contact us at conference@fnesc.ca.

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 \$35.50 per day for 24-hour self-parking.

For those attending the conference but with accommodation elsewhere, there is a discounted self-parking rate of \$27.50 per day from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Meals

The December 3rd opening night is a social event and benefit auction to support the Seventh Generation Arts Promotion Initiative. It will include light finger foods and refreshments.

Breakfast, lunch and nutrition breaks will be provided on December 4th and 5th.

Sharing Table

Do you know an amazing resource that you want to let others know about?

The Sharing Table is a space for displaying information about learning resources, professional development opportunities, and other initiatives relating to First Nations education. When you arrive at the conference, drop off your flyers/brochures at the information and directions desk to be put out on display. FNESC reserves the right to choose which items are displayed.

Benefit Auction

Contributions for the Seventh Generation Arts Promotion Initiative benefit auction are greatly appreciated. The silent auction begins on Thursday evening, December 3rd, and runs until Friday, December 4th.

If you will be contributing an item for the auction, please contact us at conference@fnesc.ca and we will plan to connect with you. Thank you for your support.

Health

Please stay home if you are feeling unwell. Only registered participants are eligible to attend.

Photography & Recording

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

Audio and video recording, AI transcription, and use of other AI tools by participants to record at this event is not permitted.

Schedule (subject to change)

Thursday, December 3 | Opening Evening Benefit Auction

All conference registrants are invited to first check in for the conference and then join us for the opening evening. Light refreshments, coffee and tea will be served and there will be entertainment too.

6:00 pm	Conference Registration (available until 8:00 pm)
7:00 pm	Social Evening with Cultural Event and Benefit Auction for the Seventh Generation Arts Promotion Initiative
9:00 pm	Closing

Friday, December 4

7:30 am	Registration
8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Welcome to the Territory
9:10 am	Opening Remarks
9:35 am	Keynote/Plenary
10:30 am	Nutrition Break
10:45 am	Workshop Session 1
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:15 pm	Workshop Session 2
2:30 pm	Nutrition Break
2:45 pm	Workshop Session 3
4:00 pm	End of the Day

Dec. 4, 4:30 to 6:00 pm UBC Event: NITEP Alumni and Friends Reception

Saturday, December 5

8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Opening Remarks
9:20 am	Keynote/Plenary
10:30 am	Nutrition Break
10:45 am	Workshop Session 4
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:15 pm	Workshop Session 5
2:30 pm	Reflections and Door Prizes
3:00 pm	End of the Day

For the latest updates, please visit our conference webpage <https://www.fnesc.ca/conference/>.
Workshop details will be available in November 2026.