



FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS AND INUIT EDUCATION GATHERING PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

FANTASYLAND HOTEL APRIL 24 (7 PM) – 26 (1PM), 2024

THEME: KINSHIP RELATIONS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS



TIME	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 - PRE-CONFERENCE									
12:30 – 1:00	PIPE CEREMONY									Ballroom
1:00 – 3:00 PM	ROUND DANCE									Ballroom
TIME	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 (EVENING)									LOCATION
5:00 – 7:00 PM	Registration									Foyer
7:00 – 8:15 PM	Grand Entry, Welcome to the Territory and Announcement of the Grand Entry First Nations & Métis Opening Prayer Welcome to the Gathering – CASS CEO David Keohane Greetings from Dignitaries									Ballroom
8:15 – 9:00 PM	Opening Keynote: Chief Billy-Joe Laboucan									
9:00 – 11:00 PM	Reception (appetizers only; no meal and no alcohol will be served)									
TIME	THURSDAY, APRIL 25									LOCATION
7:00 – 8:15 AM	Registration and Buffet Breakfast									Foyer
8:15 – 9:30 AM	Welcome & Introductions, Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement Sponsor Acknowledgement: Intellimedia and Nelson Keynote Speaker: Sii pii nama yaaki, Elder Adelaide (Dolly) Creighton and Elder Wilton Good Striker									Ballroom
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Wellness and Networking Break									
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM SESSION 1 2-hour sessions Natural wellness breaks built within sessions; refreshments with light snacks are available outside the halls.	Room 5 Sharing Circle	Room 6 Sharing Circle	Room 12 Sharing Circle	Room 14/15 Sharing Circle	Room 16 Sharing Circle	Room 7 Table Groups	Room 9 Table Groups	Room 10 Table Groups	Ballroom Table Groups	
	Elder/Knowledge Keeper Circle Teachings re: Kinship Relations (Blackfoot)	Elder/Knowledge Keeper Circle Teachings re: Kinship Relations (Cree)	Elder/Knowledge Keeper Circle re: Teachings re: Kinship Relations (Dene/Denesuline)	Elder/Knowledge Keeper Circle Teachings re: Kinship Relations (Métis)	Inuit Connections and Kinship Knowledge Keeper Goota Desmarais	Promoting Meaningful Involvement of Elders Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council Education Authority (KTCEA) Dr. Daphne Mai'Stoina	Strengthening Niitsipowhasin Staahtsisttayaaki Dr. Genevieve A. Fox, Wilton Good Striker, Jim McNeely, Piitai Ohkotok McNeely, Makiinima Chief Roy Fox, Verna Weasel Child and Ramona Big Head	Itsinika'si - Tell me a Story Ken Fox (Naato'ipksi), Shelley Kirkvold (Kakatosans'kakii) and Annette Bruised Head (Naato'saakii) Holy Spirit Catholic School Division	Responding to the Interests, Goals, Needs, and Dreams of Indigenous Youth through Partnerships and Action: Panel with Elders, School Divisions, First Nations, Métis, and Research Leadership Dr. Jennifer Markides; Mike	

							Blackfoot Confederacy Tribal Council		McMann; Natalie Morris; Chief Kipling; Leah Lizotte; Bobbi Paul-Alook; Noreen MacIteer University of Calgary; Fort Vermilion School Division; Beaver First Nation; Métis Local 74
12:00 – 1:30 PM	Lunch								
1:30 - 2:30 PM SESSION 2 1-hour sessions	Ballroom Table Groups	Room 14/15 Table Groups	Room 10 Table Groups	Room 6 Table Groups	Room 9 Table Groups	Room 16 Sharing Circle	Room 12 Table Groups	Room 7 Table Groups	Room 5 Table Groups
	Holistic Approaches to Life and Living: A nāhiyaw-informed Study of Place and Self Under 13 Grandmother Moons Etienna Moostoos-Lafferty, Megan Tipler and Karen West	Métis Kinship and Education Needs Assessment Terry-Lynn Cook, Jason J Bigcharles Rupertsland Center for Teaching and Learning	Métis Settlements of Alberta: A Metis Homeland in Alberta – A Constitutional First in Canada Dave Lamouche and/or Brenda Blyan	Embodying the Spirit and Intent of Treaties: Education Service Agreements Jonathan Kaiswatum, Steven Crowchild, Cindy Stefanato, Helmut Kaiser, Lori Pritchard Tsuut’ina Nation, Calgary Catholic School District, Rocky View Schools	Our Journey Forward Understanding Wahkotowin Jodie Mattia and Latisha Dingman Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools	Alberta Education - Minister's Youth Council Alberta Education Minister's Youth Council	Walking Alongside You(th): CFREF-funded Research Partnership Opportunities Dr. Jennifer Markides University of Calgary	Youth Leadership Through Land Based Activity Jennifer MacPherson and Jeff Horvath Spirit North	Bridging Cultures, Building Futures: The Golden Hills School Division Journey Darrell Breaker, Shirley Spotted Eagle, Jeff Grimsdale, Christina Hoover, Claire Wade Golden Hills School Division and Siksika Nation
2:30 – 3:00 PM	Wellness and Networking Break								
3:00 - 4:00 PM SESSION 3 1-hour sessions	Ballroom Table Groups	Room 10 Table Groups	Room 5 Sharing Circle	Room 6 Table Groups	Room 14/15 Table Groups	Room 12 Table Groups	Room 16 Sharing Circle	Room 9 Table Groups	Room 7 Table Groups
	Continued Holistic Approaches to Life and Living: A	Student Panel: Living the ATEP Guiding Values -	The Strength of Shared Wisdom	Establishing Respectful Relationships – Panel re:	Accessing Indigenous Education Resources	Powerful Connections	The Legacy of Hope Overview	ARPDC Resources to Support	It's Nothing About Us, Without Us

	nāhiyaw-informed Study of Place and Self Under 13 Grandmother Moons Etienna Moostoos-Lafferty, Megan Tipler and Karen West	Aboriginal Teacher Education Program University of Alberta	Mavis Averill and Cliff Whitford Boyle Street Education Centre	Education Service Agreements - eLeadership Guide Chester Auger, Jonathan Kaiswatum, Steven Crowchild, Bill Shade, Cindy Stefanato, Cynthia Launiere-Zielke, Lori Pritchard, Dr. Dianne Roulson	in a Digital Environment Erin Tisdale (Wolfcreek Public Schools), Claire Varley & Nelson Edwin Team	Elder Cleo Reece, Dr. Trudy Cardinal, Annalee Nutter Fort McMurray Public School Division	Teresa Edwards and Migwuhn Twenish	Education for Reconciliation Todd Robinson, Madeleine Lemire and Sandra Ciurysek	Nadine Dack-Doi, Mike Shoemaker, Philomene Stevens, Tracey Stevens, Ollie Benjamin and Virgle Stephens Canadian Rockies Public Schools
5:30 – 6:00 PM 6:00 – 7:30 PM 7:30 – 8:30 PM	Banquet Mix & Mingle Banquet Dinner Keynote Speaker: Cadmus Delorme								<i>Ballroom</i>

TIME	FRIDAY, APRIL 26								LOCATION
7:00 – 7:45 AM	Pipe Teachings (Male and Female)								<i>Room 6 (Female)</i> <i>Room 7 (Male)</i>
7:00 – 8:15 AM	Registration and Buffet Breakfast								<i>Foyer</i>
8:15 – 9:30 AM	Welcome & Introductions, Opening Prayer Sponsor Acknowledgement: Matific and Greenfield Learning Keynote Speaker: Elder Lynda Minoose								<i>Ballroom</i>
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Wellness and Networking Break								
10:00– 11:00 AM 1-hour sessions	Room 6 Table Groups	Room 7 Table Groups	Room 14/15 Table Groups	Room 12 Table Groups	Room 9 Table Groups	Ballroom Table Groups	Room 10 Table Groups	Room 5 Sharing Circle	Room 16 Sharing Circle
	Aawaaka'tsima Miistakistsi - Watching over the Mountains Shawna Goodstriker and Joseph Many Fingers Kainai Board of Education, Parks Canada	Indigenous Equity and Resilience Eric Jensen Battle River School Division	Métis Education Resources and kiyokewin – Visiting with Community Holly Brandsma, Kimberly Fraser-Airhart, Melanie Lapp Rupertsland Center for Teaching and Learning	Treaty Education Alliance / Indigenous Wisdom and Knowledge Center Chester Auger, Bill Shade, Clayton Kootenay, Jody Kootenay	Holistic Structures and Supports in Indigenous Education and Reconciliation Erin Tisdale, Josephine Small, Elders and Team Wolf Creek Public Schools	Supports and Programs to Support Indigenous Students' Wellbeing and Success in School Jonathan Mauro, Ryan Sawula, Diane Gardipy	Why Do We Need Aboriginal Teacher Education Program (ATEP)? Dr. Evelyn Steinhauer, Danielle Steele, Jessica McVey, Charis Auger ATEP	miyo wîcêhtowin: Building Relationships with Indigenous Students & Families Shannon Loutitt and Edmonton Catholic Schools	The Ik Ka Nutsi Park Partnership Elder Darrell Breaker, Shirley Spotted Eagle, LaToya Bartlett, Claire Wade Golden Hills School Division

						Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools	University of Alberta		
11:00 – 11:10 AM	Transition Break								
11:10 – 11:50 AM	Closing Keynote: Witness to Education Gathering and Calls to Action								<i>Ballroom</i>
11:50 AM – 12:10 PM	Closing Ceremony and Retirement of the Flags								
12:10 – 1:00 PM	Lunch and Prize Draws								

[Legacy of Hope Foundation](#) exhibits *Remembering, Honouring, and The Way Forward: 10 Years After the Indian Residential School Apology and Indian Day Schools*, will be available for viewing individually and/or in a session.

Nelson Education is proud to provide access to its professional learning and classroom resources to support Indigenous education in Alberta. The resources in Edwin are locally developed by First Nations, Métis, and Inuit authors and artists who help educators build stronger connections between communities and classrooms, and foster kinship relations for student success. Click [here](#) to receive access.

There will be a beautiful Indigenous **Artisan Market Place** for some unique opportunities to shop and support local Indigenous artisans.

In appreciation for the presenters sharing their knowledge, stories, and expertise, CASS will donate to [Spirit North](#).

We are proud to go green, finding a balance between saving trees and providing delegates with enough information before hand to ensure smooth movement from session to session. **Please download and print documents you feel you will need. Printed copies will not be provided at the Gathering.** Please also bring your reusable cup or water bottle to reduce waste.

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