

16th Annual Provincial Conference on Aboriginal Education

Norming Excellence



November 18-20, 2010 Vancouver, BC The Westin Bayshore

Call for Workshop Proposals

How can we ensure that Aboriginal students reach their full potentials, well-prepared to make the choices that lie ahead of them for work, higher education and all other areas of their lives?

For sixteen years, the Annual Provincial Conference on Aboriginal Education has showcased a range of promising educational practices from across BC to improve quality education for Aboriginal students.

This year's conference theme, *Norming Excellence*, reflects the importance of setting high expectations for all Aboriginal students, ourselves and our schools. Over the course of the conference we will look at examples of how schools and districts are creating educational environments in which Aboriginal students are achieving success.

The conference offers a unique networking and learning opportunity for educators from public schools, First Nations schools and independent schools to improve education outcomes for Aboriginal learners.

Share your Knowledge!

Workshop proposals are now being accepted.

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BC Ministry of Education

See attached:

1. Workshop Guidelines
2. Workshop Application Form

Application Deadline: **September 10, 2010**

Registration: Online registration begins in late September, 2010 www.fnesc.ca/conferences/index.php. Last year the conference reached capacity at more than 850 participants– register early!

Workshop Guidelines

Scope: K-12 education is the primary conference focus, but workshop proposals relevant to early childhood and higher education are welcome, too

Workshop length: 1.5 hours (usually offered twice during the conference)

Audience: teachers, principals, counsellors, support workers, district staff and others from the public, independent and First Nations education systems

Workshop Topics: Priority will go to workshops that successfully meet the following criteria.

- Relates to the theme, *Norming Excellence*
- Demonstrates research-based, effective and innovative community, district, school and/or classroom-level practices
- Demonstrates clear indicators of success
- Relates to at least one of these key topics (these can be considered conference “sub-themes”):
 - Academic achievement
 - Special education
 - Gender gap in achievement and transitions (i.e. in six-year-completion rates Aboriginal boys lag behind the Aboriginal girls by 8%)
 - Supporting the education of children in care
 - First Nations curriculum/resources
 - First Nations languages
 - Alternate education
 - Tutoring programs
 - Extracurricular/sports programs

Call for Workshops Application Form

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Apply to: email: jenniferw@fnesc.ca Fax: (604) 925-6097

- For application questions, call toll-free: 1-877-422-3672 / T: 604-925-6087
- Need an electronic copy of the form? It is online at <http://www.fnesc.ca/conferences/index.php>
- You will receive a note acknowledging receipt of your application. All applications will be reviewed by a conference committee. Applicants will be notified of the results in September 2010.

Please attach workshop description on next page.

Proposed Workshop Title:

Main Contact/Presenter

Name:
Position/Title:
Organization/School:
Phone:
E-mail:
Address:

Co-Presenter #1

Name:
Position/Title:
Organization/School:

Co-Presenter #2 (not eligible for presenter benefits)

Name:
Position/Title:
Organization/School:

About My Workshop (Check all that apply...)

- it relates to the theme, *Norming Excellence*
- it demonstrates research-based, effective and innovative community, district, school and/or classroom-level practices
- it demonstrates clear indicators of success

Relevant Sub-themes:

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Audiovisual Needs: Please choose the most economical option as our AV budget is limited.

- AV package (screen and AV cart or table) – **laptop and lcd projector must be provided by presenter**

- Traditional overhead package (screen, AV cart or table, traditional overhead projector)
- DVD player and TV
- VCR player and TV
- Internet
- Other:

Room setup:

Most workshop rooms will be either row seating or rounds of 8 to the room maximum.

- Display table (max. 1 due to space limitations)
- Flipchart with paper and markers
- Work tables with chairs for participants

Special room setup requirements (please describe):

My workshop includes:

- Singing/drumming
- Creative messiness
- A maximum number of participants:

My workshop is relevant to:

- Early childhood/preschool/Kindergarten
- Elementary/middle school
- Secondary
- Post-secondary
- Adult education/trades
- Other:

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Workshop Description

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Workshop Description: (a short paragraph, as it would appear in a conference program)

Relevance to the theme (*Norming Excellence*) and sub-theme/s

Additional details about the workshop and/or the presenters:

Thank you for your application!