

## Anti-Racism Workshop

The Anti-Racism Workshop is sponsored by the First Nations Education Steering Committee and is made available to groups and organizations working with Aboriginal youth. The overall intent of the workshop is to provide participants with the knowledge and understanding of tools and strategies that can be used to prevent discrimination and create schools and communities that welcome and value diversity. A foundation of respect for differences and human rights is one of the essential elements required to create schools that foster academic success and positive social development.

The objectives of reducing prejudice, unlearning stereotypes, preventing discrimination and enhancing intergroup harmony have been the focus of work for many educators and researchers. From this work has risen a body of research that tells us much about what educators and families can do to erase and mitigate the causes and effects of racism and other forms of discrimination. The First Nations Education Steering Committee's Anti-Racism Workshop is designed around this research. Through the use of the FNESC Anti-Racism Toolkit, participants will have an opportunity to explore and practice anti-racism pedagogy. We will also investigate strategies to enhance and support intergroup harmony between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities.

The workshop is designed to meet the needs of administrators, teachers, support staff and families who work with both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal youth. The workshop is framed around the acronym **LAF**. Over the course of the workshop we will strive to;

**L**earn from each other and about each other. We will then take what we learn and ...

**A**pply it to making our schools and communities places that welcome and value differences and are free of racism. During the workshop we will also have...

**F**un. So come prepared to have fun, to be challenged and to gain a better understanding of what is required to welcome and value differences and to combat racism.