

Inclusive Schools and Valuing Diversity Workshop

The Inclusive Schools and Valuing Diversity Workshop is sponsored by the First Nations Education Steering Committee and is made available to schools and organizations working with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal youth. The overall intent of the workshop is to provide participants with the knowledge, tools and skills that can be used to prevent discrimination and create schools and communities that welcome and value diversity.

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, families and communities can do to erase and mitigate the causes and effects of racism and other forms of discrimination. Through the use of the FNESC Anti-Racism Toolkit, workshop 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;

Learn about our differences and similarities and what it means to welcome and value diversity. We will then take what we learn and ...

Apply it in ways in which we can prevent prejudice, unlearn stereotypes, and stop discrimination. We will also look at applying our learning in creating schools and communities that welcome and value differences and are free of racism. During the workshop we will have...

Fun. 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.