



# AFN Languages and Learning Forum: Exploring First Nations Education and Linguistic Connections

February 27-29, 2024 | The Westin Calgary Airport | Calgary, Alberta



## Provisional Agenda

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 | All Times in MST

Time	Session									
7:00 am	Registration Open									
8:00 am	Breakfast – Main Plenary									
9:00 am	<b>Opening</b> Opening Prayer   Elder Ivy Raine MC Introduction and Housekeeping   MC: Riley Yesno Welcoming Drum   <i>Perfect Storm</i> Welcome to Territory   Chief Ouray Crowfoot, Siksika Nation									
9:45 am	<b>Keynote   Matika Wilbur</b>  <i>Changing the Way We See Native America: Dismantling Native American Stereotypes</i>									
11:00 am	<b>Transition Time</b> <i>Get your headshot done with Aspen during your transitions or at lunch in the south foyer. Available each day!</i>									
11:15 am	<b>Panel: Regional Education Agreement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brian Wildcat, Maskwacis Education Authority</li> <li>- Denis Gros-Louis, First Nations Education Council</li> <li>- Daphne Mai'stoina, Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council</li> </ul>									
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		Paul Pelletier and Amanda Shannon, Department of Canadian Heritage (DCH)	
<b>2:15 pm</b>	<b>Transition Time</b>		
<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>Workshops</b>		
	<b>2-A</b>	<b><i>How to Build a Section 8/9 Agreement</i></b> Blaire Gould, Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey	<b>Plenary</b>
	<b>2-B</b>	<b><i>BC First Nations Tripartite Post-Secondary Education Model</i></b> Thane Bonar and Katherine Gall, First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC)	Blackfoot Crossing A
	<b>2-C</b>	<b><i>Regional Education Agreement Costing Tools</i></b> Khrystyna Orobets and Ronda Ziakris, MNP Bram Lerat, AFN	Blackfoot Crossing B
<b>3:30 pm</b>	<b>Transition Time</b>		
<b>3:45 pm</b>	<b>Session Recap</b>		
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Door Prizes End of Day</b>		



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8:00 am	Breakfast		
9:15 am	Opening		
9:20 am	Remarks   Chief Leroy Denny		
9:30 am	Survey Questions Table Talks   <i>Connecting Education and Language Revitalization</i>		
10:00 am	Transition Time		
10:15 am	Keynote   Michael Running Wolf <i>Regenerative Indigenous AI for Language and Data Sovereignty</i>		
11:00 am	Panel: Languages and Lifelong Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Magie-Mae ǂI,ESUK ǂELOMIYE Adams, First Peoples Cultural Council</li> <li>- Wayne Jackson, Nêhiyawê Cultural Institute</li> <li>- Tracy Jackson, Nêhiyawê Cultural Institute</li> <li>- Blaire Gould, Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey</li> </ul>		
12:00 pm	Lunch		
1:00 pm	Workshops		
	3-A	<b><i>Examining Language and Culture Planning</i></b> Davin Dumas and Charles Cochrane, Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre (MFNERC)	Plenary
	3-B	<b><i>YFNED Cradle to Community Member</i></b> Melanie Bennett, Rebecca Bradford Andrew, Richard Andrew, Elder Roger Ellis and Isaiah Devilliers, Yukon First Nations Education Directorate (YFNED)	Blackfoot Crossing A
3-C	<b><i>Elsipogtog REA, Rooted in Mi'kmaq Language and Culture</i></b> Ivan Augustine	Blackfoot Crossing B	
2:00 pm	Transition Time		
2:15 pm	Workshops		
	4-A	<b><i>First Nations Education Council Regional Education Agreement</i></b> Denis Gros Louis and Mauricio Suchowlansky, First Nations Education Council (FNEC)	Plenary
4-B	<b><i>Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT)</i></b> Ryan Jimmy and Arliss Coulineur, SIIT	Blackfoot Crossing A	



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	4-C	<b><i>First Nations National Action Plan for the IDIL</i></b> Jennifer Bellchambers, AFN	Blackfoot Crossing B
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4:00 pm	<b>Door Prizes End of Day</b>		



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8:00 am	<b>Breakfast</b>		
9:15 am	<b>Opening</b>		
9:30 am	<b>Keynote   Dr. Vivian Ayoungman, First Nations Adult and Higher Learning Consortium</b>  <i>Promising Practices in Language/Culture Revitalization</i>		
10:30 am	<b>Transition Time</b>		
10:45 am	<b>Workshops</b>		
	<b>5-A</b>	<b><i>Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council Regional Education Agreement</i></b> Daphne Mai'stoina & Carmen Parent, KTC	Plenary
	<b>5-B</b>	<b><i>Yellowhead Tribal College</i></b> Randy Ermineskin, YTC	Blackfoot Crossing A
	<b>5-C</b>	<b><i>Igniting the fire of our ancestors' ways of knowing – Indigenous Knowledge and Wisdom Centre</i></b> Clayton Kootenay and James Knibb-Lamouche, IKWC	Blackfoot Crossing B
11:45 am	<b>Transition Time</b>		
12:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>		
1:00 pm	<b>Main Plenary Session Recap</b> <b>AFN Surveys</b>		
2:00 pm	<b>Door Prizes</b>		
2:30 pm	<b>Closing Prayer   Elder Sheila Potts</b>		