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08:00 AM to 02:30PM

EXPLORING THE POWER & POTENTIAL OF INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS – CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

PRESENTED BY



Isaac Murdoch



Jodie Williams

COST

\$140.00 in-person

\$85.00 virtual

LOCATION

Centennial College
Event Centre

8am - Arrive & Reconnect: Light Breakfast served

*8:30am - Opening words and introduction.
The Power of Story (from these lands)*

*9:30am - Break Connect & Refresh: Beverages and
snacks served*

*9:45am - Considerations for teaching Indigenous
content. Lessons From the Earth & Beyond
resource overview and table group work.*

12:00pm - Connect & Refresh: Buffet Lunch

*1:00pm - Exploring resources:
Indigenous Knowledge and Science
Learning From the Land
TRC in the Classroom*

2:00pm - Consolidation, Q&A, final words

2:30pm - Depart



EXPLORING THE POWER & POTENTIAL OF INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS – CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

Since time immemorial humans have used the power of story to convey important information, inspire action, remember significant events, teach morals and ethics and so much more. Indigenous knowledge systems are grounded in story along with a deep connection to the lands, waters and cosmos. They have been around for thousands of years and provide a deep understanding of our relationship and connection to the beautiful world we live in. During our time together we will explore a variety of resources that can enhance our classrooms with the beauty and brilliance of Indigenous Peoples and their knowledges.

LESSONS FROM THE EARTH AND BEYOND...

is a comprehensive digital resource and guide for educators that provides a practical application of Indigenous knowledge systems into the classroom. It was developed in collaboration with Indigenous artists, storyteller, elders and educators. The focus of learning in Lessons From the Earth is grounded in a traditional Anishinaabe story, Jiig Nong Aadsookan, The Fisher Story. Included are sample lessons and video modules that support the learning that comes from the story. Lessons From the Earth is a provocation for student inquiry into topics such as the environment, Science, Social Studies, Art as well as important concepts such as love, respect and balance. Lessons From Beyond examines astronomy through the lens of several Indigenous knowledge holders from around the world along with NASA scientists. Curriculum guides and activities aligned with the new Mathematics curriculum are included.

INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS & SCIENCE

resources explore themes such as biodiversity, sustainability, impacts of mining and industry, water and land protectors as well as Indigenous astronomy.

LEARNING FROM THE LAND

features two mini documentary resources: How to Make Fish Pemican and Impacts of Industry on Wild Rice. Both provide insights into the importance of knowing the land and our connection to it as well as our responsibility to ensure sustainable practices continue into the future. A third video is on the importance of water as shared by Hohepa Hei who is Maori from Aotearoa (New Zealand).

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION IN THE CLASSROOM

consists of a large video library in both English and French that explores a variety of topics such as geography, water, roles and responsibilities, governance, treaties, daily life, ceremonies and more. Students will be exposed to Indigenous ways of knowing, doing and being by examining both past and present ways of life in order to deepen their appreciation of how these key aspects can enhance their own understanding of their relationship to Indigenous Peoples. A comprehensive teacher guide as well as downloadable and fillable student worksheets accompany the video library.

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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



Isaac Murdoch

Isaac Murdoch, whose Ojibway name is Manzinapkinegego'anaabe / Bombgiizhik is from the fish clan and is from Serpent River First Nation. Isaac grew up in the traditional setting of hunting, fishing and trapping. Many of these years were spent learning from Elders in the northern regions of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. He has committed his life to the preservation of Anishinaabe cultural practices and language revitalization.



Jodie Williams

Jodie Williams currently works as the Academic Coordinator for Indigenous Education with the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board and is the Co-Chair for the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Association of Ontario. She is also the lead on a provincial Community of Practice for Indigenous Knowledge and Mathematics which involves a collaboration with NASA, Maori educators from New Zealand, the Navajo Nation in the United States, as well as the Anishinaabek, Cree and Kanyen'kaha:ka (Mohawk). Jodie is also a course developer and instructor of Additional Qualification courses and has developed numerous resources in the area of Indigenous Education. Together she and her husband have 5 daughters and one granddaughter.

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