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Pathways magazine

The latest issue of Pathways magazine looks at collaborative initiatives across the Yukon that are advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. The magazine features stories on the work of the Yukon Residential Schools and Missing Children Project, the evolution of the Yukon's education system, child welfare, justice, sport and recreation and much more. It also looks at how Yukon Education is working with Elders and Knowledge Keepers to develop culturally and regionally relevant curriculum for schools.

The Government of Yukon has also released an accompanying report that provides further information about actions being taken to address the Calls to Action.

Our hope is that this magazine spurs conversations about reconciliation within Yukon government and inspires people to continue this journey together with First Nations governments and other partners.

Learn more:

- [Pathways magazine news release](#)
- [Pathways Magazine website](#) and [online version](#)
- [Report on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action](#)

Indigenous Veterans Day: November 8th

National Indigenous Veterans Day is a day of remembrance and commemoration of the contributions of Indigenous veterans in the First and Second World Wars, as well as the Korean War. This Indigenous Veterans Day, we would like to express our gratitude for the contributions Indigenous veterans have made to Canada and the world.

Websites:

<https://www.righttoplay.ca/en-ca/national-offices/national-office-canada/whats-new/honouring-indigenous-veterans-this-national-aboriginal-veterans-day/>

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/people-and-stories/indigenous-veterans>

Learning opportunities and resources

Enhancing climate change education in your classroom

Yukon University has introduced a new position to support educators in enhancing climate change education in the classroom. The Outreach Climatologist is dedicated to creating and delivering educational modules that seamlessly blend with the current Yukon curriculum. These efforts aim to assist teachers in providing a comprehensive understanding of climate change, including its consequences, adaptive strategies, and mitigation measures.

Learning modules may include lesson plans, readings, activities, guest lectures, multimedia content, and workshops tailored for educators. Materials may focus on climate change science, impacts, solutions, policies, communication, health, and resilience. They will also incorporate Indigenous Knowledge, addressing climate change within the framework of reconciliation and the specificities of the local Yukon context.

The Outreach Climatologist works within the [Climate Change Research](#) team at the [YukonU Research Centre](#) and is a 4-year funded project that began in spring 2023.

For the first year of the project, the Outreach Climatologist will work with a small group of educators in Whitehorse to pilot content, ideas, workshops, and projects. Work in other Yukon communities will follow.

History-based leadership program for youth

[Vimy Inspires Tomorrow](#) is a history-based leadership program for youth in Canada. It encourages youth (ages 13-17) to develop leadership skills that they can use to make a positive impact in their communities. **Youth who complete the program are eligible for a project grant of \$2,500 to assist them in bringing a community project to life.**

Through six free, recently updated virtual modules (available [here](#)) drawing on different aspects of First World War history, participants learn how Canadians took on leadership roles, and the impact of their decisions, actions, and contributions during and after the war.

The modules enable youth to examine, discuss, and exercise key leadership skills. They contain all the tools and background information needed to bring these history-based activities to your classroom.

Do you know a young person who is making a difference in the community? Download the [Facilitator's Guide](#) to bring the Vimy Inspires Tomorrow program to your classroom and students, and encourage youth to submit an initial project idea to be eligible for a **\$2,500 project grant. The deadline for applications is December 11, 2023.**

Masters in Mathematics Education

The third cohort of UBC's online Master of Education in Mathematics Education program begins in September, 2024. This innovative program explores culturally responsive strategies for teaching and learning mathematics in community contexts.

The application deadline is March 25, 2024.

Learn more: https://pdce.educ.ubc.ca/med_math/#tab_Schedule-1

What we Heard on Whitehorse Schools Capital Planning

The Department of Education has released a What We Heard report on its Whitehorse Schools Capital Planning public engagement, which was held earlier this year. The focus of this engagement was understanding the values and priorities of the public when thinking about updates and renovations to Whitehorse schools.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in this engagement. Your contributions will help guide future decision-making on Whitehorse school capital planning.

To read the report visit Yukon.ca/engagements: [Whitehorse school facilities capital planning | Government of Yukon](#)

Job Opportunity for School Wellness Specialists

The Department of Education is now recruiting for **School Wellness Specialists**.

This is a new position that will collaborate with students, families, Yukon First Nations, community service providers and educators to provide supportive services for school communities.

To learn more about the position visit [Yukon.ca/en/apply-job-school-wellness-specialist](#) or download the attachment.

Please share this job posting widely with your networks. The posting closes on November 10, 2023.

Quick Links

- Check [Teams](#) for the PD opportunities
- [School health and safety during COVID-19](#)
- [Mental health and wellness supports](#)
- [Yukon Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education Recovery Plan](#)
- [Wellness Together Canada free resources and support](#)
- [Yukon information on COVID-19](#)
- [Practice the Safe 6](#)
- [Canada response and Health Canada information](#)
- [Council of Yukon First Nations COVID-19 info hub](#)
- [Yukon vaccination clinics and information about the vaccine](#)
- [First Nation School Board](#)