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Yukon First Nations

Together Today for our Children Tomorrow – 50th anniversary

During the week of February 11 to 18, we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the historic document, Together Today for our Children Tomorrow.

There are many ways you can join in the celebration and mark the event with your students. Here are a few websites that may inspire you:

<https://cyfn.ca/agreements/together-today-for-our-children-tomorrow/> - This page takes you directly to the PDF version of the Together Today for our Children Tomorrow document. You can also download it at <https://yukon.ca/en/together-today-our-children-tomorrow>

<https://mappingtheway.ca/ttfoct> - You will find photos, videos, a podcast, and links to other important agreements. This page has less text.

<https://activehistory.ca/2016/01/together-today-for-our-children-tomorrow-the-next-generation-of-yukon-indigenous-politics-2/> - This page offers information along with a text collage made up of parts of the original document. The author Lianne Charlie says: “There are stories, philosophies, theories and concepts of resurgence archived in TTFCT. Beyond the call for “Settlement” is our ancestors’ deep-seated desire to protect our land and our way of being, and to tell the truth about colonialism. To capture this, I created a “text collage” crafted through the collection of words and phrases directly from TTFCT. The words and phrases appear in the same order as they appeared in the text from pages five to forty.”

Activity idea: Students could be asked to make their own text collage from the original document, either to highlight their own understanding of the struggles experienced by Yukon First Nations, or to explore any other aspects that could come up in discussion or through inquiry in the classroom. The collage could be illustrated with a photo collage or other art inspired by the text.

You're also invited to join in the activities planned for this week of celebrations, February 11 to 18, 2023 at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre. [Plans Underway for 50th Anniversary Celebration of Together Today for our Children Tomorrow – Council of Yukon First Nations \(cyfn.ca\)](#)

Student Outcome Strategy Survey

The Student Outcome Strategy is intended to help improve student outcomes in the Yukon, including for First Nations students, rural students and students with diverse learning needs.

We would appreciate your feedback on the strategy. Please take the time to answer our survey.

Survey link: [Student Outcome Strategy Survey for Educators](#)

Mental Health support

The Government of Canada has launched “Get Help Here” this winter, a campaign to raise awareness that free, credible resources are available 24/7 to help support the mental health of people in Canada.

Mental health is an important part of everyone's well-being. Many factors can affect mental health, and they aren't all within one's control. The last few years have been challenging for us all, including for youth and young adults. The disruption to their daily lives, routines, and relationships left many feeling afraid, angry, and anxious for their future. Almost [1 in 3 youth](#) in Canada indicated their mental health got worse during the pandemic.

To help support mental well-being and substance use, there are resources available [anytime, from anywhere](#). They include the Kids Help Phone and supports for First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples. We also invite youth of all ages and backgrounds to check out the Wellness Together Canada portal, which provides free, 24/7 information and supports, including one-on-one counselling, across Canada.

For these resources and more, visit Canada.ca/mental-health.

Professional Learning Opportunities

Focused Education Resources

[Choosing the right resources to fit your teaching](#)

Has this ever happened to you? We think you'll relate to [this scenario!](#)



<https://mytrainingbc.ca/FocusedEDSelectingResources/assets/FESLR/video/HasThisEverHappenedToYou.mp4>

Teachers select resources daily. How familiar are you assessing a resource for its fit with your teaching? The [Selecting Learning Resources for the Classroom](#) website will provide tools and ideas for you to make informed, thoughtful decisions about classroom resource selection.

[Apply to become a Focused Education evaluator](#)

BCTF members may apply to become a Focused ED evaluator. You'll work within a peer-team role to evaluate resources. The evaluation reviews become part of the [K-12 Evaluated Resource Collection](#).

Resources for Educators

News from myBlueprint

In the February 2023 myBlueprint update, there is information and many exciting opportunities for both students and educators. Some of these include:

- [K-6 February 2023 Monthly Objectives Newsletter](#) on The Flexibility Factor
- [7-12 February 2023 Monthly Objectives Newsletter](#) on The Flexibility Factor
- Tapping Into Trades: Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 12:00 PM EST [Click here to reserve your spot today.](#)
- There is \$60,000 worth of scholarships available for students in their final year of high school across Canada. For more information and to apply, [click here.](#)
- Education Planner Scholarship Portfolio Contest - the deadline to enter is February 17th Get your Grade 11 and 12 check out the [Contest Page](#) for more details and click [HERE](#) to enter. The contest runs from January 9 - February 17, 2023.
- NEW [myBlueprint live webinar sessions](#) that have been added up until April, including Supporting Special Education Using Digital Portfolios with its first offering on February 13, 2023, at 6:00 pm EST. [Click here](#) to register.

For a complete description of the February myBlueprint Update, please click this link:

[myBlueprint February 2023 Update](#)

Explore micro:bits Webinar

With Dr. Gary Stager, Sylvia Martinez & the Authors

Attend the webinar and get the book free.

Thursday, February 16: 7:00 - 8:00 PM ET

Connected North is partnered with Code To Learn, which is a project that provides Federal funding to bring digital skills, coding workshops, and materials to teachers free of charge.

Connect North would be thrilled to see participation from our Yukon schools, since we have a unique ADST curriculum territory wide.

Teachers can request follow up Connected North classroom or PD sessions that include receiving classroom packs of micro:bits as long as our supply will allow.

Teachers can also register here: [guide-to-microbit-webinar](#)

Community Booklets [can be downloaded here.](#)

Learning Resource [can be downloaded here.](#)

Quick Links

- Check [Teams](#) for the PD opportunities
- [School health and safety during COVID-19](#)
- [Mental health and wellness supports](#)
- [Can your child go to school, daycare or return to regular activities?](#)
- [Yukon Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education Recovery Plan](#)
- [Wellness Together Canada free resources and support](#)
- [Yukon information on COVID-19](#)
- [Practice the Safe 6](#)
- [Non-medical masks in the workplace](#)
- [Canada response and Health Canada information](#)
- [Council of Yukon First Nations COVID-19 info hub](#)
- [Yukon vaccination clinics and information about the vaccine](#)
- [Yukon First Nation School Board](#)