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## Yukon First Nations Elders and Knowledge Keepers

The First Nations Education Commission has developed a poster outlining protocol when engaging with Yukon First Nations Elders and Knowledge Keepers. The protocol was developed in consultation with all 14 Yukon First Nations.

## Foundation for Environmental Stewardship

[Foundation for Environmental Stewardship](#) is a youth-led, youth-serving Canadian non-profit that aims to empower youth to create a more sustainable and prosperous future for all. They are launching the [N:OW for Net-Zero](#) project, aimed at connecting students with educational and hands-on experiences for a net-zero 'now'. Resources and lesson plans are available for educators to introduce or enhance climate education by prioritizing the solutions and critical thinking that students need to act on climate issues N:OW.

The [Funding for Net-Zero program](#) offers **grants of \$2,500 to \$15,000** for Canadian students and educators who want to implement projects that reduce GHG emissions and/or improve net-zero literacy in their communities. Grant applications are open from now **until December 18**.

## Increasing climate change education in your classroom

Are you a Yukon educator looking to integrate more climate change education into your classroom but unsure how to do so or lack the necessary resources? [Yukon University offers support](#) through an Outreach Climatologist dedicated to assisting educators in enhancing their climate change education curriculum.

The Outreach Climatologist creates and provides learning modules that complement Yukon's current curriculum. These modules assist teachers in conveying a comprehensive understanding of key aspects of climate change, including knowledge, adaptation, and mitigation strategies. Defined broadly, learning modules encompass various resources beneficial to both educators and students in Yukon, aiming to enhance climate change understanding. These include lesson plans, reading materials, resources, activities, guest lectures, audiovisual materials, and workshops tailored for educators, depending on their needs and capabilities.

To learn more, email: [ellorie.mcknight@yukonu.ca](mailto:ellorie.mcknight@yukonu.ca)

## History-based leadership program for youth

[Vimy Inspires Tomorrow](#) is a history-based leadership program for youth in Canada, ages 13-17. It is designed to encourage youth 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 modules](#) 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.

Download the [Facilitator's Guide](#) and bring the Vimy Inspires Tomorrow program to your classroom and encourage youth to submit a project idea to be eligible for a **\$2,500 grant. The deadline for applications is December 11.**

## Job opportunity for school wellness specialists

The Department of Education is now recruiting [school wellness specialists](#).

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

Please share the [job posting](#) widely with your networks. **The job posting closes November 24.**

## Quick Links

- [School health and safety during COVID-19](#)
- [Mental health and wellness support](#)
- [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](#)