



C2C 2021 Annual Provincial Conference

Listening to the Land, Giving Voice to the Sea: Stories to Nourish Hope and Resiliency

October 22 - 23, 2021, Victoria, BC and Online Everywhere

Hello and Welcome; We at Salish Sea EEPsA (Environmental Educators Professional Specialists Association) would like to recognize all your ancestors and the stories and traditions from which you have all come. This Fall in October, Victoria will be hosting a C2C conference for people to learn about and participate in cultural and nature learning. This conference is for educators; teachers, pre-schools, EA's, and those interested in Nature Education. It will welcome people in person and virtually for various workshops which will be offered over 2 days.

This letter is to invite multiple perspectives about the natural world traditions, concerns and connections with our Earth from all corners of the globe. We hope to build relationships and communication with people in many communities in our province so that we can create communities of togetherness and improved understanding of all our connections to the natural world.

In this age of reconciliation, and with attempts at anti-colonialism, we try to move forward with respect toward all ways of being in the world and to try to recognize and feel what is important to others and why. With many of us residing in the land of our Aboriginal brothers and sisters and with the pervasiveness of business, institutional racism, and a world view which exploits natural resources and values "progress", we invite you to think about what kind of workshop you or your community would like to present. You can present virtually, or in person. Hands-on workshops are always highly coveted by workshop attendees. Please consider either attending, or putting in an application to present.

Ideas for presentations;

One applicant is wanting to teach virtually and will be making fish skin leather and mailing a kit to the participants ahead of time. Another applicant is showing us the importance of lichen and it's uses. The only requirement is that it should be Environmental in nature and speak to what we need going forward in this age of a changing climate/pandemic issues. The Call for Proposals is now open until May 28. To submit a proposal, please visit:

<https://c2c-bc.org/call-for-proposals-2021-conference/> For more information, please visit: <https://c2c-bc.org/conference/>.

The turnaround time for applications is quite short but please feel free to give a brief explanation in the application that gives the gist of what you would present on. There are bursaries, and honorariums available for those who present or take on a larger consultative role. Please communicate with us to let us know what your thoughts are. We would love to have every culture and community represented if we can. We will do our best.

Thank you,

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Multicultural Outreach / Anti-colonial perspective