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CANADA**

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## **TEACH FOR CANADA'S ANNUAL PROGRAM, LED BY INDIGENOUS LEADERS, NORTHERN TEACHERS, AND EDUCATION EXPERTS, PREPARES TEACHERS TO FILL ROLES IN REMOTE FIRST NATIONS**

TORONTO, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Teach For Canada, a non-profit organization that supports student success by recruiting and developing committed educators in partnership with First Nations, will be offering its annual Summer Enrichment Program from July 12<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.

This will be the second year the national organization has fully digitized the cornerstone program in response to COVID-19. Since 2015, the program has been held in-person in Thunder Bay.

This year, with support from generous private and public funders, more than 40 teachers will connect virtually with Indigenous leaders and northern educators to learn about First Nations histories, cultures, languages, culturally-responsive pedagogies, and land-based education.

The transition to a digital format has made it possible for Teach For Canada to extend the program's learning opportunities beyond just its teacher cohort. Sessions will welcome northern educators across the country in an effort to increase accessibility to culturally-responsive teaching.

With this new cohort, over 150 Teach For Canada teachers hired by First Nations will fill much-needed teaching roles this fall. They will receive support from Teach For Canada as they navigate the impact of the pandemic on education in northern communities and continue their development as educators.

This June, Teach For Canada announced its fourth Manitoban partnership with St. Theresa Point First Nation, expanding its total reach to 21 First Nations across northern Ontario and Manitoba.

### **Highlights from the 2021 Summer Enrichment Program (Media Welcome):**

**Note: [Please click here to RSVP for one or more of the sessions below and receive the Zoom link\(s\).](#)**

Friday, July 16 from 10:00 AM - 12 PM EDT – How Indigenous Education Will Save the World with Dr. Niigaan Sinclair

Monday, July 19 from 10:00 AM - 12 PM EDT – Trauma Informed Classrooms with Emily Blackmoon



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Tuesday, July 20 from 10:00 AM - 12 PM EDT – Land Based Learning with Bryan Bellefeuille

Wednesday, July 21 from 10:00 AM - 12 PM EDT – miyikosowin: Finding Our Giftedness with Angelina Weenie & Ida Swan

Friday, July 23 from 10:00 AM - 12 PM EDT – Literacy Gap Management with Joanna Lindeman & Rachelle Bergen

**Ojibwe, French, and English speakers may be available for interviews.**

### **About Teach For Canada**

Teach For Canada is a non-profit organization that works with northern First Nations to recruit, prepare, and support committed teachers. Too often, teachers arrive in the north without the preparation and support they need to succeed—and stay—in the classroom. The twin challenge of teacher supply and turnover compound historical injustices and systemic inequities to produce an education gap between First Nations and non-First Nations communities. We work with our partners to begin to close that gap.

Teach For Canada currently supports 120 educators working with over 2,400 students.

For more information, visit [www.teachforcanada.ca](http://www.teachforcanada.ca).

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