



PEITF Summary

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DEVELOPING SUCCESSFUL SCHOOLS (DSS)

Developing Successful Schools (DSS) – July 4 - 7, 2017 Mount Allison University

The DSS 2017 Institute is intended for school/district administrators, teachers and other educators interested in school leadership from Atlantic Canada. A limited number of participants will be accepted. Application forms can be found on the PEITF website at this [link](#). This year's resource person is Jenni Donohoo on the topic of *Fostering Collaborative Inquiry and Collective Teacher Efficacy*. Apply Today!

CONTACT 2017

CONTACT 2017 – UPEI Campus August 8 – 11, 2017

Interested in a summer learning opportunity that brings together teachers from Atlantic Canada to share ideas, reflect on experiences and celebrate all that is best about teaching? Join us at this fantastic learning opportunity - CONTACT 2017. Funding is available. Apply Now! We are still seeking teachers to help plan CONTACT 2017. If you are interested, email chad.gallant@peitf.com. The CONTACT 2017 Grants/Registration Form is available at this [link](#).

HOW TO SHARE A LOVE OF NATURE: A COURSE FOR ISLAND EDUCATORS

There is almost nothing as rewarding as watching a child fall in love with nature. Despite its potential, nature education can seem overwhelming and difficult to integrate into regular classroom activities. After nearly 20 years of teaching, we have developed an intuitive and practical approach to nature education that helps teachers become co-learners with their students.

This three-day course is for all educators and will happen concurrently with our summer camps. By combining theory-based lectures, experiential learning and taking part in camp activities, participants will gain a foundational knowledge of the Island's plants and animals and develop a host of educational tools. The cost is \$200, and teachers are invited to bring their children aged 6-12 and have them attend our camp during the three sessions. To register go to www.macphailwoods.org and follow the links.

Participants will learn:

- The benefits of co-learning
- Outdoor class management skills
- How to identify plants and animals including invasive species
- Educational games and crafts
- How to describe the natural world using all five senses
- How to use the schoolyard as a classroom for all subjects
- A basic understanding of the Island's unique ecology
- The power of play and the importance of direct experience

YOGA IN SCHOOLS CANADIAN CONFERENCE

This year's 12th annual Yoga in Schools Conference provides educators with a rare opportunity to learn how to bring the power of yoga into their schools and classrooms. From workshops ideal for beginners as well as others for certified yoga instructors, this conference offers exciting programming for all levels. You'll leave equipped to make positive change and charged up to do so. The conference is hosted by multi-award winning educators Jenny Kierstead and Blair Abass, the founders of Yoga in Schools and authors of eight school programs.

The Conference runs from **July 17th through 20st** at the **Chocolate Lake Hotel, in Halifax, Nova Scotia** to participate in evidence-based programming that has been piloted with great success in the school system. Topics include:

- Yoga for Autism
- Yoga for Special Needs
- Stress Management
- The PSP Yoga Grade 11
- Yoga and Native Studies
- Girl on Fire Empowerment Program
- Mindfulness (as launched in the Native School Board)

Investment for weeklong training: \$500.00+hst.

Information is available on the website <http://www.yogainschools.ca/>

Register now by calling 902-444-9642 or emailing info@BreathingSpaceYogaStudio.ca

THE SECOND PAN-CANADIAN CONFERENCE ON UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR LEARNING

UPEI is hosting The Second Pan-Canadian Conference on Universal Design for Learning May 31 – June 2, 2017, University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, PEI, <http://www.udlconference.ca/> Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is a framework that guides the development of curricula and instructional practice based upon the needs of students (CAST 2013). This conference will offer sessions in streams such as K-12 and Post-Secondary Education, Student Services and Student Affairs professionals, Instructional Designers, and one showcasing the Learner Voice.