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Learning Together About

First Nations Pedagogy

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Overview of Session

Project Background

First Nations Pedagogy

Exploration of Topics

We wish to explore our Moodle Learning Centre with you……

PROJECT BACKGROUND

How it all began……

Project Overview

3-phase BC Campus-funded project lead by Nicola Valley Institute of Technology and Kwantlen Polytechnic University

1) research best practices in developing and online learning for First Nations learners,

2) develop a resource website to support

3) support dialogue and sharing of ideas

Community Input

Input was Gathered from Multiple Sources

Face to Face

- ICT Summit

- ABLKC Conference Workshops

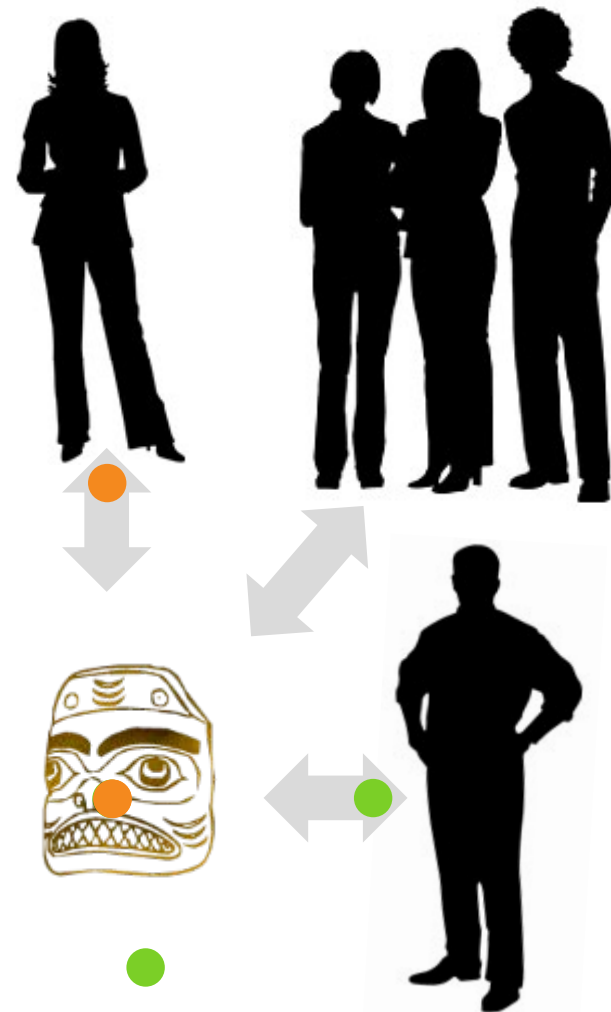- Community Circles at Kwantlen

Online

- SCOPE Forum

- Facebook Group

- BC Literacy Forum

- Self Governance Webcast

Our Goals

Collaborate to provide online content and learning strategies for First Nations students

Provide an accessible, comprehensive resource that provides direction and technique with excellent Pedagogy

Moodle used for Learning Centre

Open source, Constructivist, Robust, User-Friendly, Wide Choice of Activities available

Why Moodle?

Forum, Journal, Book, Wiki, Video, Glossary, Database, Quiz, Polls, etc.

2 First Nations Pedagogy

What does this mean?......

The first principle is that the learning is completely

Learner Focused

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- Distinct practices used for millennia to teach both "theory" and hands-on practical knowledge were repressed and banned during Colonization, yet the methods have endured and are both unique and extremely valuable in the 21st century

First Nations Pedagogy

- Respectful relations,
- Experiential learning,
- Listening well,
- allowing Space,
- Storytelling & making,
- Quaternity,
- Positionality,
- Inner Fire, Gifts
- Learning Spirit

- Relevance,
- Reciprocity,
- Reflectivity,
- Elders - informed,
- Ecologically situated,
- Creative,
- Visual-auditory
- self-governance philosophy
- Natural world context

FIRST NATIONS KNOWLEDGE

- is a living process to be absorbed and understood, not possessed

- preference for experiential knowledge

- values ability to learn independently by observing, listening, participating, experimenting

- prefers multiple literacies approach

- values introspection, reflection, meditation, prayer,

- is structured by orality, language and symbolic, verbal,

  and unconscious order

- is both empirical (based on experience) and normative (based on social values)
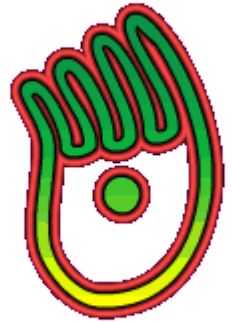
Sitemap

PROJECT	PEDAGOGY	PARTICIPATE
About this Site	Best Practices	Community
Project Overview	Talking Circles	Learning Centre
Gathering Input	Culture	Circle Dialogue
Scope Forum	Elders	Article Directory
Workshops	Experiential	**RESOURCES**
Community Circles	Four Directions	Link to Us
Social Media	Holistic Balance	Documents
Literacy Forum	Inner Fire	Multimedia
Webcast	Interconnection	Presentations
Project Team	Literacy	Learning Objects
Our Sponsor	Natural World	Online Learning
Creative Commons	Quaternity	Self Governance
Your Invitation	Respect	Planning
Contact Us	Storytelling	Future Trends

Community
Giving Voice

Practices
Visioning

Learning
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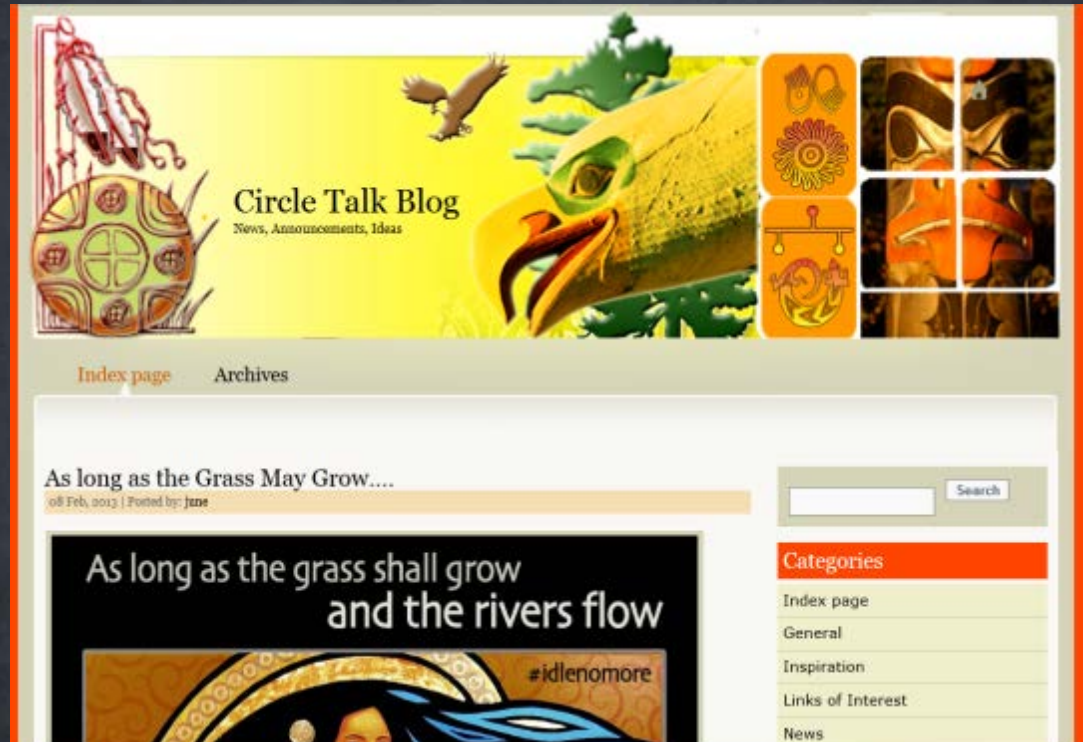
Tne Community is a Drupal - based interactive content management system section, that provides a number of interactive features. To use the Community, you first need to create an account, by selecting a user name and password. Once you are a member, you can both access and add to the collection of materials, forum discussions, polls, and other resources housed within the Community area.

Circle Talk Blog

The Circle Talk Blog has been created using Nucleus, an open source Blog software. This area of the site has been created to easily provide updates, announcements, and share news items and links to other resources. You can also register an account in this area, if you would like to comment on posted items, or add a news item yourself.

Article Directory

The Article Directory has been created using Article engine software to provide an easy venue to showcase your articles related to a variety of topics of use to Frst Nations, Inuit, and Metis people.
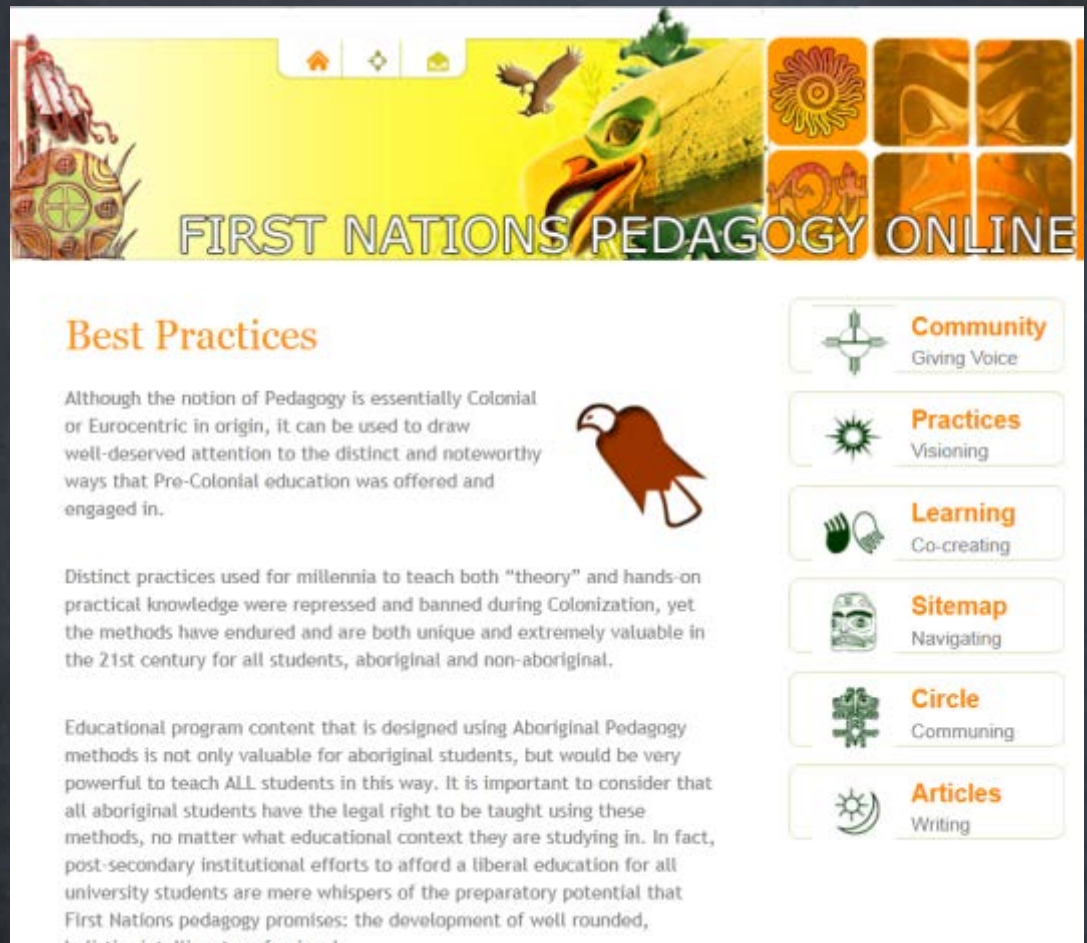
Best Practices

A series of pages that describe best practices in First Nations learning is included to inspire and be applied.

Talking Circles
Culture
Elders
Experiential
Four Directions
Holistic Balance
Inner Fire
Interconnection
Literacy
Natural World
Quaternity
Respect
Storytelling

FIRST NATIONS PEDAGOGY ONLINE

Best Practices

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Educational program content that is designed using Aboriginal Pedagogy methods is not only valuable for aboriginal students, but would be very powerful to teach ALL students in this way. It is important to consider that all aboriginal students have the legal right to be taught using these methods, no matter what educational context they are studying in. In fact, post-secondary institutional efforts to afford a liberal education for all university students are mere whispers of the preparatory potential that First Nations pedagogy promises: the development of well rounded, holistic, intelligent professionals.

Community
Giving Voice

Practices
Visioning

Learning
Co-creating

Sitemap
Navigating

Circle
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Learning Center

Tne Learning Center has been created using Moodle, an open source course management system. To use the Learning Center, you also need to create an account by selecting an user name and password (you can use the same user name and password as you used in the Community, but you will need to register these names in the Moodle interface first). This area of the site is devoted to samples of learning activities, learning objects, curriculum tools, and other educationally ready resources that you can also access and add to.

3 Exploration of Topics

Please help us to Plan the Learning Centre!!

THINK MOODLE!

» What and how will people contribute?

» What will people take away and how?

» Who are the stakeholders? How do we build interest?

» What resources exist that we can we build on?

» What are design issues?

Where do we go from here?

Closure / Next steps

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