

October 7, 2019

Heart-Mind 2019: The Art and Science of Calm



The Dalai Lama Center for Peace and Education will be holding its annual conference, **Heart-Mind 2019: The Art and Science of Calm**, this month. Please see below and visit their [website](#) for more details.

Date: Friday, October 25, 2019,

Time: 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Location: Vancouver, BC

Early bird tickets are available for \$199 plus taxes and fees.

The Art and Science of Calm features the latest science and practice related to cultivating balance in our lives—at home, at school, and in our community. In this one-day experiential conference, presenters will explore evidence-informed ways to support children and youth in a fast-paced world. They will also share practical strategies that fit into our daily routines to reduce stress and promote well-being.

Participants will experience the calming effects of mindfulness, nature, music, Indigenous knowledge, human connection, and more, while connecting with like-minded and like-hearted people. Learn, laugh, and be calm!

Maria LeRose returns as conference moderator. Keynote presenters included Marc Brackett, Carl Honoré, Susan Kaiser-Greenland, Kimberly Schonert-Reichl, Lorna Williams, and Scott Sampson.

UBC Professional Development Opportunities

[MMEd: Master of Museum Education](#)

The study of education that occurs in museums and informal learning contexts.

90% online, 10% in-person

Begins: September 2020

Length: 2 years plus 1 term

Application opens: October 1, 2019

Apply by: March 1, 2020



[MEd in Science Education](#)

Fully online graduate program offered by leading UBC science education researchers.

100% online

Begins: September 2020
Length: 2 years plus 1 term
Application opens: October 1, 2019
Apply by: March 1, 2020



[MEd in Teaching English as a Second Language](#)

Fully online graduate program designed to develop outstanding professionals in the field of TESL.

100% online

Begins: September 2020
Length: 2 years plus 2 term
Application opens: Fall 2019
Apply by: Winter 2020



[MEd in Modern Languages: French](#)

For teachers in French Immersion, Core and Intensive French, and Francophone Programs.

Online and face-to-face in Montreal

Begins: July 2020
Length: 2 years plus 2 terms
Application opens: Fall 2019
Apply by: Winter 2020



[MEd in Curriculum Studies: Ecojustice, Sustainability, and Indigeneity in Education](#)

This unique MEd takes into account Indigenous as well as mainstream worldviews and ways of knowing.

Face-to-face in North Vancouver

Begins: September 2020
Length: 2 years plus 2 terms
Application opens: Fall 2019
Apply by: Winter 2020



Curriculum Design and Learning for Diverse Classrooms at SFU

SFU will be holding a one-hour information session to learn about their Graduate Diploma in Advanced Professional Studies in Education (GDE). This program has been developed in partnership with the Delta School District for K–12 teachers interested in inclusive, holistic, and innovative curricular design and in developing their teaching practice while engaging in sustained reflective inquiry. [RSVP here to attend.](#)



Date: October 21, 2019

Time: 3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Location: Delta, BC

Program Information

Location: Delta School District

Suited for: K–12 teachers

Start term: Spring 2020 (January)

Application deadline: November 15, 2019.

Further information on the program is [available here](#). Apply now!

SFU's Restorative Justice Certificate

Restorative justice: A different approach to conflict resolution

SFU's part-time, online Restorative Justice Certificate will deepen your knowledge of the philosophy and practice of restorative justice. Through discussions, exercises, and other practical activities, you'll learn the tools and techniques you need to help victims, offenders, and community members reach solutions that allow them to build safer, healthier environments.

Learn to use powerful restorative justice practices in your community

In three online courses, you'll examine restorative justice practices such as mediation, conferencing, and circles, and learn how to use them in managing and restoring relationships as well as community development and education. You'll also improve your decision-making and leadership skills and build connections with other professionals who are also committed to championing the values and principles of restorative justice.



Bring a new level of understanding to your work

The Restorative Justice Certificate is for anyone looking for a new way of helping people deal with harm. The theory and tools will help you whether you're a parent or family member dealing with bullying, or a professional tasked with facilitating justice or conflict resolution.

Participants from a variety of fields are welcome, including the following:

- education (primary, secondary and post-secondary)
- corrections, criminal justice and policing
- social work and family services

- the non-profit sector
- community development
- government.

The next information meeting will be on November 14, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. For more information, click [here](#).

Early Years Conference 2020



The Early Years Conference 2020 continues to lead the field of professional development in early childhood development, early childhood intervention, and family support. The conference will explore the complex factors impacting children’s development and highlight many of the considerations and practices in UBC’s work with young children and their families. This year’s theme—Listen Together, Learn Together, Act Together—is a call to action. It is a reminder that families and communities are central to the healthy development of young children. When listening together, learning together, and acting together, we can create relationships that will best optimize the well-being and resilience of children.

During the Early Years Conference 2020, participants can expect to:

- Explore collaborative approaches.
- Consider the significance of relationships in the context of children, families, and the communities they are part of.
- Review the latest evidence-based research and practice related to child development, early childhood intervention, and family support.
- Be inspired to listen together, learn together, and act together in all aspects of service and support of children, their families, and their communities.

More information is available [here](#).

BC Alternative Education Association (BCAEA) Challenge and Change 2020

February 13–14, 2020
Vancouver, BC



The 33rd annual conference is of interest to alternate education teachers, education assistants, counsellors, and administrators working with at-risk youth. The conference features more than 30 different sessions focused on helping at-risk youth. The sessions will be presented in varying styles and topics, including technology, filmmaking, art, outdoor education, and mental health. Ivan E. Coyote will be the keynote speaker.

More details can be found on the website www.bcaea.com or by contacting Conference Co-ordinator DJ Pauls at conference@bcaea.com.

Crosscurrents 2020 Teachers of Inclusive Education British Columbia (TIEBC)

February 20–21, 2020
Richmond, BC



TEACHERS of
Inclusive Education
British Columbia

Crosscurrents hosts speakers on range of topics related to inclusive education. This year’s keynote speaker is Zach Anner, an award-winning comedian, TV show host, and public speaker. In 2011, he won his own travel show on the Oprah Winfrey Network, *Rollin’ With Zach*.

Zach entered the world with cerebral palsy and an uncertain future. By his 30th birthday, he had grown into an adult with a career in entertainment, millions of fans, a loving family, and friends who would literally carry him up mountains. With a mixture of hilarity and heart, Zach shares his miraculous story.

More information

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2019 Vancouver Writers Festival

October 21 – 27, 2019
Vancouver, BC

The Vancouver Writers Fest’s flagship festival welcomes local and international writers to stages on and around Granville Island for a week of literary events and immersive conversations for all ages.

“We have created a week of events that will entertain and inspire hungry minds; from playful school-group forays into spoken word and graphic novels, to in-depth conversations with some of today’s best writers and thinkers. The Vancouver Writers Fest’s 2019 offering has something for everyone.”

—Leslie Hurtig, Artistic Director



The [2019 festival](#) offers a full day of events on Saturday October 26, 2019. In addition, many events are free of charge, including their year-round education outreach programs and their Incite series in partnership with the Vancouver Public Library.

The [2019 events lineup](#) is live! The full program guide is also now [available online](#) and in print at select vendors across Metro Vancouver.

Ticket Sales

September 9: For members
September 11: For school groups
September 16: For everyone

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