

21st Annual PLA Conference “Embracing Wholistic Practice”

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Dear Colleague:

Please find enclosed the 21st Annual Conference Program-at-a-Glance which includes a wide array of practices demonstrating respectful, flexible approaches to the provision of services to adult learners. Canada’s adult learner population is among the most culturally diverse and dynamic in the world, making wholistic, integrated approaches to learning critically important.

The conference will begin with a plenary session on Wednesday afternoon June 2 entitled, “Embracing Wholistic Practice: Making the Most of Ourselves,” by Dr. Joan Conolly, Durban University of Technology. The official opening ceremonies will take place on Wednesday evening in the Park Room. “The FNTI Story-Reflections on 25 Years of Risk-Taking and Educational Innovation,” will be the topic of a presentation by Paul Zakos to celebrate FNTI’s 25th anniversary as Aboriginal post-secondary institution. A wine and cheese reception will follow in the Sagonaska Room.

On Thursday, June 3 there will be a full slate of workshops and a plenary session. Jennifer Archer, PLAR Manager at Nunavut Arctic College, along with Anna Ziegler, Charmian Jenvenne, Zillah Piialaq and Marlene Angnakak, will share with us key findings from the recently completed, ground-breaking PLAR project in Nunavut. The title of their presentation is, “Moving Forward Together, Through Wholistic Practices at Nunavut Arctic College”. Thursday evening concludes with a dinner in the Park Room followed by entertainment from Eric Baragar and his, “One Man Show.”

Friday morning begins with a continental breakfast followed by a plenary session, facilitated by Maria Huechaqueo and Pedro Valenzuela of Tain Adkimn FNTI’s Indigenous partner organization in Chile. The title of their presentation is, “Using Celebration and Ceremony to Understand and Manage Political, Social and Environmental Changes in Chile”.

The Quinte Mohawk Dancers will close the conference.

It is indeed a pleasure and privilege to enter into our third decade of hosting this conference. It is equally rewarding to recognize and celebrate the occasion of FNTI's 25th anniversary. We are also pleased that you have been willing to share in these important events with us and appreciate your ongoing support and collaboration.

We look forward to seeing you in June, renewing ourselves, nurturing our network and putting adult learners first!

Yours truly,



Paul Zakos, Chair
21st Annual Conference Planning Committee

Enclosures Program-At-A-Glance
 Registration Form
 Hotel Registration Form

