



21ST Annual PLA Conference

“EMBRACING WHOLISTIC PRACTICE”

June 1-4, 2010

CONFERENCE EVALUATION FORM

Please reply candidly to the following questions. It is not necessary for you to identify yourself.

RATING SCALE: 5 - Excellent 4 - Very Good 3 - Good 2 - Fair 1 - Poor

1. Were the registration procedures

16= efficient 0= adequate 0= unsatisfactory

2. Comments on the registration procedure:

Very easy, staff very friendly and helpful throughout the conference. Excellent, thank you.

Hotel needed a credit card even though we pre-registered, could do more planning to make sure guests can walk in, give name, and get a room.

User friendly process between Loyalist and FNTI

Smooth, well done

Very good, friendly, helpful

Very accommodating, simple and efficient

Extremely smooth & easy

Helpful & responsive

Well organized and helpful

Very well organized

3. How would you rate the pre-conference session you attended?

TUESDAY, JUNE 1: 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm and WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Introduction to Prior Learning Assessment and Portfolio Development

Rating 5=3

Becoming an Adult Learner Friendly Institution: How to Get Started

Rating 5=1

The FNTI Model: Portfolio Development as a Tool for Transformative Learning

Rating 5=6, 4=3

4. How would you rate the session(s) you attended?

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2: 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

PLENARY SESSION: “Embracing Wholistic Practice: Making the Most of Ourselves”
Rating 5=6, 4=5,
3=2, 2=1

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2: 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

PLA: Raising the Consciousness of Humanity Rating 5=1, 3=1

The Second Career Program, Adult Learners and PLAR Rating 4=1, 3=1

Applying the ALFI Principles: A Case Study in the Design of a
Baccalaureate Degree Program with an Applied Focus Rating 5=1, 4=2,
3=1

The Role of Ritual and Practice in PLA: An Indigenous Perspective Rating 5=2, 4=1,
3=2

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2: 7:00 pm

OPENING CEREMONIES Rating 5=5, 4=2,
3=2

“The FNTI Story – Reflections on 25 Years of Risk-Taking
and Educational Innovation” Rating 5=5, 4=3,
3=1

THURSDAY, JUNE 3: 8:45 am – 10:15 am

Embracing Wholistic Practice: Making the Most of Portfolio Assessment – **Part I** Rating

Training PLAR Advisors to Work with Foreign-Trained Professionals
– Results of a Pilot Project Rating 5=6, 4=2

Unpacking Tacit Knowledge – Looking into the Mentor
Toolbox at Athabasca University Rating 5=3, 4=1

THURSDAY, JUNE 3: 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

Embracing Wholistic Practice: Making the Most of Portfolio Assessment – **Part II** Rating 5=6,
4=1,3=1

The Human Faces of the Adult Learner Friendly Institution (ALFI) Rating 5=1, 3=2

Embracing Wholistic Practice – Exploring Indigenous Concepts of
Wholeness in Human Services Rating **N/A**

THURSDAY, JUNE 3: 1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

PLENARY SESSION: “Moving Forward Together Through Wholistic

Practices at Nunavut Arctic College”

Rating 5=9, 4=2

THURSDAY, JUNE 3: 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

A Holistic Approach to Work-Based Learning: The Case of the Health and Social Care Worker

Rating 5=2, 4=2

The Key Roles of PLAR Advisor and Assessor
3=1

Rating 5=4, 4=1,

Deconstructing and Rebuilding Evaluation Practices with Indigenous Communities
3=2

Rating5=1, 4=3,

THURSDAY, JUNE 3: 7:00 pm

Dinner and Entertainment

Rating 5=9, 4=1

FRIDAY, JUNE 4: 8:45 am - 10:15 am

PLENARY SESSION: “Using Ceremony (Nguillatun) to Understand and Manage Political, Social and Environmental Changes in Chile: An Indigenous Wholistic Approach”

Rating 5=3, 4=8,

3=2

5. How well did the workshops meet your needs and expectations?

14=Very Well

1=Partially

Not At All

Comments:

It was very informative and innovative. I learned many new ideas on adult education and many of them could be adapted and apply in my work.

The atmosphere throughout the conference was energizing. Everyone is networking & learning as well as allowing ourselves to open our minds & spirits to our internal ??

I really enjoyed the workshop with Janice Brant with the turtle exercise. The hands on work is always interesting, getting ideas and communicating.

This was my first trip to a FNTI conference. The staff were excellent, very friendly and helpful, enjoyed it immensely.

The workshops & workshops presenters were very good and they gave various & wide ranging learning from different experience & contexts. Very enriching and inspiring.

All of the workshops I attended added to my knowledge of PLAR

Found the most help was hands on participation/active involvement, but also loved the ceremonial elements, a good mix, more participation might be good.

Learned more cultural diversity, enriched my knowledge in PLA. Made new connections with agencies who apply PLA principals.

These workshops really gave me a new insight as to the meaning of spirituality and humanity. Great!!

Very informative; I would suggest that different FNTI models be shared to show the different methods used.

4. (A) Strengths:

The organization planning

Very unique conference I've ever attended. Excellent organization, excellent activities and information.

Experienced harmonized cultural environment

Great introductions to concepts/culture, Joan and Bambi both experts on what they do and the light shines bright in them.

National and International Indigenous presenters

Very good and experienced speakers and resource person. They inspired & changed our way of thinking regarding and being accepting to all types of learners.

I enjoy this kind of workshop/conference because it is easy going. Flexibility is used.

Learn to appreciate and welcome strengths of others and use them in our lives to enrich ourselves as well as theirs.

Clear and precise information, well organized, good location, presenters are very clear and ideas innovative

Well organized, community atmosphere

Committed, energetic & knowledgeable participants

Lovely inclusive & respectful tone; lots of passion for content and FNTI & PLAR

The session on the meat and potatoes of PLAR was encouraging and awesome!!

(B) Weaknesses:

No vegetarian option at lunch

Government should appoint officer to attend such meaningful conference

Hope some College/Universities from Toronto will participate next year.

The only thing that was a negative was that the rooms were very cold. Oh, one more thing, the downtown area closes its stores too early! 5-5:30, we are only getting done at that time, not able to take in the heart of Belleville.

Great time, excellent experience! Networking.

Thursday afternoon plenary session could have been longer; it had too much information and went too fast

A few of the sessions seemed more focused on technical components or policy rather than the usage and benefits of PLAR

6. (A) Delivery:	11 excellent	4 above average	<input type="checkbox"/> average	<input type="checkbox"/> poor
(B) Information:	12 excellent	3 above average	<input type="checkbox"/> average	<input type="checkbox"/> poor
(C) Response to Participants:	12 excellent	3 above average	<input type="checkbox"/> average	<input type="checkbox"/> poor

7. Additional Comments:

Thank you so much and will be interesting to roll into expanding it to the wider community

Thank you for this opportunity

Excellent people, entertainment & food! Thank you!

Thank you for having us participate this year. You have a beautiful place, people and welcoming us visitors. Great to be here!

Nya wen kowa for a exceptional conference – expanding the capacity of PLAR!