

WEBINAR: TRUTH First: Encounters with Stereotypes and Common Misconceptions about Indigenous People in Canada

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Date(s) & Time(s)

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Venue:

Online

About the Session

AUDIENCE: K-12 EDUCATORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

In this webinar, you will embark on a truth mission, digging into the how and why of stereotypes of Indigenous people in Canadian society. You will be exposed to many misconceptions about Indigenous people and learn how education and media have worked to shape contemporary ideas of "Indigeneity". We will unveil some of the most prevalent (and sometimes uncomfortable) myths about Indigenous people and focus on how to rebuild and repair relationships through ally work.

This learning opportunity is being offered through grant funding from Alberta Education.

About the Presenter(s)

Etienna Moostoos-Lafferty was born and raised in Grande Prairie Alberta. Etienna's family is from the Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation in Treaty 8 territory. Etienna has 7 years of teaching experience both on and off-reserve, and also in public and Catholic school systems. Etienna spent 4 years working for an Indigenous perspective school with the Calgary Board of Education where she learned the importance of culture and language in Indigenous education.

Etienna has since moved back to Edmonton and has worked provincially as an Indigenous Education consultant helping to develop and implement workshops aimed at promoting reconciliation through teacher education. Etienna has created resources for the ATA and ARPDC that help teachers better understand topics such as Residential Schools, Metis Settlements, Inuit history, Myths and Stereotypes of Indigenous people, progression of the TRC, and treaty relationships.

Today, Etienna is an Indigenous Education Coach for Evergreen Catholic Schools and is completing her masters full time at the University of Alberta. Additionally, she works as an assistant researcher at the University and is learning a lot about provincial and local initiatives surrounding Indigenous education. She is a mother to a 4 year old daughter named Layla and her husband is also a teacher and works as an assistant Principal for Edmonton Public Schools.