



WE Schools Professional Learning Workshop: WE Are Canada Program A Strategic Approach to Service-Learning

WE Schools is a unique, step-by-step program that challenges young people to identify the local and global issues that spark their passion and empowers them with the tools to take action. Educators and students work together to learn about world issues and to take action that creates meaningful change in the world.

During our professional learning workshops, educators will participate in discussions and activities that connect the WE School service-learning curriculum to their existing subject expectations and classroom practice.

The *new* WE are Canada program introduces young Canadians to issues related to four themes: the Environment, Youth Empowerment, Diversity and Inclusion and Reconciliation of Indigenous and Non-Indigenous people. Students learn about important issues related to these themes, then apply their knowledge of the issues while planning and taking action in their local communities through related WE Schools campaigns.

The WE are Canada curriculum resources are:

- Organized into grade ranges (elementary 4-6), (middle level 7-8) and (secondary 9-12) with lesson packages for use in multiple subject areas
- Fully bilingual and available in print, USB key and through the www.WE.ca website
- Filled with engaging, inquiry-based lessons that include suggestions for differentiation to appeal to a range of learners
- Divided into lesson packages that include: identified skills with learning outcomes; essential questions, recommendations for assessment & evaluation, as well as suggestions for enrichment and extensions

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES:

Participants will:

- Be equipped with resources to help bring the WE Are Canada program into their classrooms
- Make connections to current classroom long-range plans and teaching practice
- Experience a sampling of engaging classroom activities
- Work with colleagues to share ideas during breakout sessions
- Explore the four steps of the WE Schools program as a cyclical process for service-learning in and outside of the classroom
- Examine the WE Schools kit, identifying additional resources that participants can use to create action plans with their students
- Engage in meaningful discussions with opportunities to network and share strategies and best practices for experiential service-learning, student leadership and engagement



Our Curriculum and Professional Learning Team works in collaboration with school district representatives to co-create practical and inspirational professional learning experiences.

This approach ensures that:

- Provincial Ministry of Education policies, action plans and subject curricular expectations are included
- Direct connections are made to school district goals and priorities
- Discussions and activities are appropriate for grade and subject divisions
- Educators are given a range of classroom teaching as well as assessment and evaluation strategies that will serve the learning needs of a diverse student population.

These sessions will be hosted by the Toronto Catholic District School Board and will include dinner before the session begins. Please see details below and follow the link to register for one of the available sessions:

Location: Catholic Education Centre
80 Shepard Ave East,
Toronto, ON,
M2N 6E8

Date: Tuesday, February 21st, 2017
or
Wednesday, February 22nd, 2017

Time: Registration and Hot Dinner (provided): **4:30pm – 5:15pm**
Opening Plenary & Professional Learning Session: **5:15pm – 7:30pm**
Networking Opportunity with Tea/Coffee & Dessert: **7:30pm-8:00pm**

**Please visit [here](#)
to register for the session**

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