



LEAPing into British Columbia

A unique opportunity to celebrate and learn about BC's Success in Indigenous Education from the people who have made it happen

There are two components of this program: (1) the CORE program (as outlined on this page); and (2) the OPTIONAL EXTRA program (as outlined on the next page).

CORE PROGRAM

Location: Vancouver

Date: 23-29 September 2018

1. All participants organise their own flights (and travel insurance) to/from Vancouver.
2. We meet @ our booked accommodation: Holiday Inn, downtown Vancouver (711 W. Broadway @ Heather Street, Vancouver-Centre) on Sunday 23rd September around 5.30 p.m. in foyer.
3. We have six nights accommodation and breakfast @ the Holiday Inn.
4. From Monday to Friday we:
 - Visit school districts that have been most successful in bridging the achievement gap and creating inclusive education programs for Aboriginal students.
 - Meet with Ministry of Education personnel who have responsibilities for advancing the provincial Aboriginal agenda.
 - Meet with representatives of the First Nations Education Steering Committee, the major advocacy group representing First Nations communities in BC.
 - Meet with leaders from the University of British Columbia's Indigenous Education Program (Jan Hare); and Aboriginal Enhancement Network (Judy Halbert and Linda Kaser).
 - Meet with representatives of the British Columbia Teachers Federation to learn how the province's teachers are working to improve opportunities and success for Aboriginal students
 - Visit MacDonald Elementary in Vancouver. Located in Vancouver's inner city, Macdonald is an Aboriginal focus school.
 - Meet with the BCPVPA's Aboriginal Leadership Advisory Committee (and BCPVPA President) to learn about how the BCPVPA is working to improve outcomes for Aboriginal students.

Costs:

- Participants are responsible for their own air fares and travel insurance plus the costs of getting to and from Vancouver airport to Vancouver downtown accommodation.
- The costs of the tour (with the program listed above) plus the inclusion of ground transport around Vancouver to meetings and visits (Monday 23-Friday 29 September); and celebration dinner Friday 29th September is **\$2900** (single accommodation).

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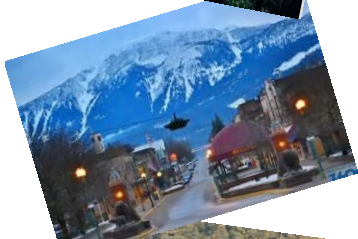


OPTIONAL PROGRAM

Dates: Tuesday 18th- Saturday 22nd September

Location: North Vancouver Island

Costs: This optional program will be an individual pay-as-you go activity. Sue and I plan to take this exciting option and invite you to join us.



1. All participants organise their own flights to Vancouver.
2. We meet @ our accommodation: Holiday Inn, downtown Vancouver (711 W. Broadway @ Heather St, Vancouver-Centre) on Tuesday 18th September around 5.30 p.m. in foyer. Everyone undertaking this optional program will need to book their own accommodation for Tuesday 18th September. By using the same motel we should be able to store bags we don't need for the Vancouver island experience; and not have to re-locate.
3. Wednesday 19th September we hire cars (share costs) and take BC ferry to Vancouver Island (Nanaimo); and drive to north end of island.
4. Wednesday night accommodation @ northern end of Vancouver Island (we can arrange this later).
5. Thursday 20th /Friday 21st September we have an organised visit with School District #85: a district that has had notable successes in improving outcomes for indigenous learners.
6. Carol Robertson, Superintendent SD 85 says, "we would be delighted to host this group...we can give them a great experience enjoying many of the wonderful cultural experiences that we experience on a daily basis. We will arrange for a trip to Alert Bay the former home of St. Michaels's Residential school, U'Mista Cultural centre and a celebration and farewell in the Big House as well as visits to local schools".
7. Saturday 22nd drive to southern end of Vancouver Island to Victoria: the beautiful capital of BC with overnight accommodation (we can arrange this later).
8. Sunday 23rd take ferry from near Victoria back to Vancouver and meet remainder of group for commencement of Core Program @ 5.30 in foyer of Holiday Inn.

This OPTIONAL PROGRAM which promising to be a unique cultural & educational experience will be entirely individually funded (although we can group share some costs e.g. rental cars)

Tour Leaders: LEAP Directors Suzanne Lazenby and Dr Warren Marks in conjunction with Kit Kreiger (Executive Director BC Principals and Vice Principals Association).

How to join:

1. Complete the application form below and email to warren.f.marks@det.nsw.edu.au or Suzanne.Lazenby@gmail.com
2. Place a \$250 deposit into LEAP account as per details below. Your application becomes active from the time of the electronic transfer of the \$250 deposit.

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BC EXPERIENCE APPLICATION FORM

I wish to register for:

The CORE Program The OPTIONAL Program

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: _____

Personal phone contact: _____

Home address: _____

SCHOOL/WORK DETAILS

School/Work Place: _____

Position held: _____

School/Work Place address: _____

Work Contact details:

- Mobile-
- Phone-
- Email:

PAYMENT: DIRECT DEPOSIT \$250 to:

BSB: 812-170

Account name: LEAP Pty Ltd

Account Number: 164673 (if transferring from a TMB account use 164673S1)

ENSURE Your Name is shown on the banking information which comes to us.

PERSONAL OBLIGATION

*I acknowledge that all costs associated with my airfares to and from Vancouver; travel insurance; personal and incidental costs etc. are my own **personal** responsibility and additional to the stated cost of the LEAP BC Experience.*

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