



YUKON FIRST NATION EDUCATION DIRECTORATE

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MP JODY WILSON-RAYBOULD GIVES KEYNOTE AT FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Whitehorse – This week, hundreds of people are gathering – in online and virtual venues – for the second annual Yukon First Nation Education Conference hosted by Yukon First Nation Education Directorate (YFNED) to share ideas and inspiration on First Nations control of First Nations education. Over Wednesday, November 20 and Thursday, January 21, 50 participants will gather over two rooms at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre, plus over 250 joining via Zoom, the conference boasts star headliners MP Jody Wilson-Raybould and Olympian-activist Waneek Horn-Miller. Both will be addressing how the Yukon First Nations can move forward on their mandate and legal right to lead Indigenous Education in the territory.

“This event provides us all a moment to celebrate the many accomplishments we’ve made in establishing First Nations education in the territory over the last year,” says Melanie Bennett, Executive Director of YFNED. “But also brings people together to set our sights on the huge shifts that we are going to make happen in the near future.”

The conference also features the launching of YFNED’s groundbreaking new Mobile Therapeutic Unit, the public unveiling of the Moccasin Trailblazers, a new youth council on First Nations Education, plus an address from Assembly of First Nations Grand Chief Perry Bellegarde.

YFNED is partnering with the Yukon Native Language Centre to deliver an exciting range of breakout sessions including:

- New assessment tools with FN educational consultant Myron Dueck
- First Nations language workshops and discussions
- Traditional beading, tool-making and cooking classes
- Success stories from other jurisdictions

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