



Biigtigong Nishnaabeg
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



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Anishinabek Employment & Training Services (AETS) is partnering with Biigtigong Nishnaabeg to host a Land-Based Learning conference for educators, education professionals, administrators, community Leadership, and program facilitators.

This multi-day event will feature the experience of Biigtigong Nishnaabeg and their successful implementation of Land-Based Learning throughout standard curriculum. Sessions include the organization and planning of seasonal activities such as hunting and harvesting; how Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) concepts are bridged with traditional knowledge and storytelling; and how this type of learning can be assessed outside the predominant Western perspective.

Elder-led ceremony will be interwoven throughout the conference, including a two-minute silence on November 11th for Remembrance Day. The complete agenda, facilitator details and registration can be found at the online event portal: aets.live/portal.

AETS Executive Director John DeGiacomo as well as Biigtigong Nishnaabeg Educator Lisa Michano-Courchene (Ziigwan-kwe) may be contacted for comments and interviews regarding this event. Media who wish to attend are welcome to join in the morning sessions on November 10th, which feature an overview of the Fundamentals of Land Based Learning with Lisa Michano. John & Lisa will be available over the lunch break (12pm-1pm) for brief interviews. Please inquire with events@ingaged.ca if you have a preferred date and approximate time we can accommodate.

ABOUT AETS

Anishinabek Employment and Training Services is part of a nation-wide agreement with the Indigenous Skills Employment and Training (ISET) Program, and one of the 110 distinct based ISET Program Agreement Holders in Canada. AETS's vision is for a Skilled Indigenous Workforce, with a mission to provide guided education and training pathways, towards inclusive employment opportunities respectful of culture.

ABOUT BIIGTIGONG NISHNAABEG

Biigtigong Nishnaabeg is an Anishinaabe First Nation on the northern shore of Lake Superior at the mouth of the Pic River. Their mission is to promote the development of a healthy, safe and self-sufficient community, and deliver fair and accountable services and programs which are reflective of its people's needs, priorities and available resources.

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