

Starting the Year Right!

The Conference and Banquet

The 14th Annual Conference, with the Theme of Relationships and Reconciliation, had two days of great workshops and our ACE AGM tucked into it.

The Banquet, with 13 recipients, a great MC in Cecil Sveinson and a wonderful exhibition of Jigging by Dean Davis and his lovely wife.

Badges!

ACE Badges are a reality. These electronic icons are a great networking tool. See Page 2 for more information and how to get your own ACE Badge.

Cultural Workshops And More

We have a completed a Blanket Exercise Facilitation Workshop and can now offer the Blanket Exercise, and training in the Blanket Exercise, to community groups and organizations. We also have a Hand Drum Making workshop on April 22, with space still available and other workshops are being planned.

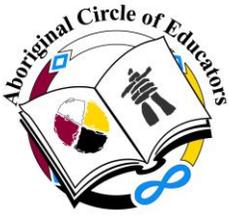
Myra Laramée's Conference Keynote got ACE to thinking about Indigenous Pedagogy and what it would look like in the class room. If you are interested in this discussion, please contact the office at 1.204.772.2231 or by [EMAIL](#)

Have you renewed your A.C.E. Membership yet? Memberships are only \$20 per year and are valid from July 1 to June 30. They entitle you to discounts at workshops and the Conference and Banquet.

Registering for the Conference entitles you to a year's membership.

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ACE Badges are Here!

We are working with our partner, Learning Agents, to offer electronic Badges that you can attach to your social media pages, LinkedIn profile or store in a virtual backpack. The Badges store meta data about your ACE membership status and are voluntary.

Our first Badge, ACE Member, was unveiled at the Conference in February and members could sign up on-site, with Jennifer from Learning Agents to assist and explain.

The Badges are a fantastic way to show others your affiliation, the workshops and Events you have attended. We will be rolling out other Badges throughout the year. We would like to be able to have a badge for every workshop and different levels of Badges available for next year's Conference

Reaching Out in Reconciliation

On March 17-18, ACE, with Master Trainers from KAIROS, offered a KAIROS Blanket Exercise Facilitation Workshop. The weather didn't cooperate but the participants sure did. We now have ten new facilitators trained in the KAIROS Blanket Exercise. The bonus of this workshop was the content—it was Manitoba focused and very relevant.

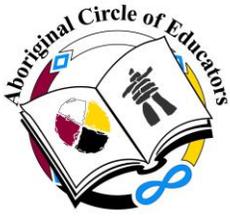
ACE, with its mandate to promote Aboriginal perspectives in the classroom and community, will now be able to offer the Blanket Exercise to community groups and organization to start a reconciliation conversation.

We will be offering another Facilitation Workshop in May, if there is sufficient interest and registrations.

The ACE Conference & Education Awards Banquet 2018

We are looking to move the 15th Annual ACE Conference to a Friday-Saturday event next Year. If you haven't yet received our three-question survey and would like to make your opinion on the move known, just CLICK for the Survey.

Nominations for the 12th Annual ACE Education Banquet will open on April 15th. Check the website April 15th for this year's forms and nominate someone you believe should be a recipient.



Cultural Workshops and More!

We are bringing teachings, knowledge and crafts to our members and the community at large. Thanks to the generous support of the Winnipeg Foundation and the Ethno Cultural Community Support grant, that included four bingos at which the executive and friends volunteered, we are able to offer subsidies to those who might not otherwise be able to learn the teachings of the Star Blanket, the Hand Drum, the Ribbon Skirt and more we're planning for Spring

The **"Hand Drum Making"** workshop will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017. We are partnering with Manitoba Buckskin. Ovide Caribou will be providing the cultural teachings.

The **"KAIROS Blanket Facilitation Workshop"** will be offered to groups and organizations wanting to offer the Blanket Exercise to their members, clients and staff.

We are also offering the **"KAIROS Blanket Exercise"** to groups and organizations to promote the start of a reconciliation conversation.

"Making of a Star Blanket" will be offered again this spring. We are providing dinner and the materials. There will be a limited number of machines available.

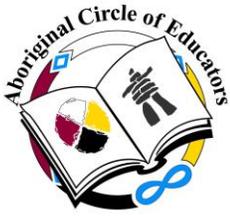
The **"Making of a Ribbon Skirt"** is also slated. We are providing dinner and the materials. You will need a sewing machine although there will be a limited number of machines available.

The **"Feast Bundle and Feast Teachings"** will be facilitated by Roxanne Shuttleworth.

We are still working out the details for beading, weaving and other workshops.
Watch for updates as they develop.

If you are interested in participating in any of these workshops, please contact the A.C.E. Office, by phone at 1.204.772.2231, or [Email](#).





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Membership Information

We are looking for members who would like to contribute to the continuing success of our organization.

We are looking for members interested in being part of the ACE Council. Interested in knowing more? Contact Deborah at 1.204.229.7416 or 1.204.772.2231 or email: ace@aboriginalcircleofeducators.ca

All you Need to Be:

- ✓ A Member is good standing
- ✓ Interested in promoting Aboriginal perspectives in the Classroom and Community
- ✓ Interested in working on a committee: Conference, Cultural, Workshops
- ✓ Able to participate in person or electronically as required

Those interested in becoming Council Members should be available the Second Monday of the Month during the School Year, to participate in the Member Meetings, in person or electronically.

Monthly Membership Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month during the school year at 306-421 Mulvey Avenue East, at 4:15 pm. First comes the food and the chat with the meeting proper starting at 4:30. Deborah loves to cook and usually has a soup or stew, bannock and salad available to those who make the trek. Latecomers be warned: there aren't often leftovers.

Upcoming Membership Meeting Dates:

- ❖ March 13, 2017
- ❖ April 10, 2017
- ❖ May 8, 2017
- ❖ June 12, 2017

We will be holding a PATH Workshop to plan the future of our organization April 29 at the ACE Office Boardroom

Watch our website for more information.

www.aboriginalcircleofeducators.ca

**Have you uploaded your ACE Membership Badge?
Just contact our Badge Partner, Learning Agents, to get yours today!**

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