



# INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

The National Centre for Collaboration

[www.nccie.ca](http://www.nccie.ca)

## An Introduction to the NCCIE

*The National Centre for Collaboration in Indigenous Education (NCCIE)* elevates the knowledge that has been shared in First Nation, Métis and Inuit families and communities for generations. We are developing a library of outstanding and innovative examples of First Nations, Métis and Inuit education and sharing this knowledge with current and future generations as part of a digital forum.

Drawing on the expertise of traditional knowledge holders and the practical experiences of Indigenous and non-Indigenous practitioners from across Canada, the NCCIE

serves as a knowledge and resource hub for all Canadians.

In its first year, NCCIE collected more than 250 stories from coast to coast to coast and shared those practices and learnings on a new website: [nccie.ca](http://nccie.ca). NCCIE also held its first National Forum in Ottawa, which drew over 100 influencers from across our Nations to share, learn and collaborate.

Now entering its second year, NCCIE intends to expand this body of knowledge and encourage more sharing, learning and collaboration in the field of Indigenous education.

### WORKING TOGETHER

NCCIE offers platforms for sharing and learning together through listening to the voices of community members, educators, practitioners, knowledge holders, policy makers, and researchers with the aim of advancing the success of Indigenous education in Canada. These platforms include a website as well as regional workshops and an annual national forum. NCCIE strives to:

**Collaborate** across regions and territories and bring together parents, educators, decision-makers and knowledge holders to share important practices in Indigenous education - in both academic and land-based settings.

**Elevate** Indigenous education and the diverse array of approaches, tools, and practices that are engaging learners of all ages across Canada.

**Celebrate** the stories and achievements of Indigenous educators and community leaders who are advancing Indigenous education in Canada and inspiring others to do the same.

### NCCIE.CA

A key tool for sharing is the NCCIE website, which is the link to:

- building relationships and partnerships;
- breaking down barriers to promote collaboration;
- increasing access to information and resources; and
- strengthening education across Canada.

Our website is a resource for Indigenous Peoples as well as non-Indigenous Canadians interested in our collective history and reconciliation.



## GATHERING STORIES

The NCCIE website features stories, information, insights, and classroom resources collected across the country. NCCIE is guided by communities that have provided input on the experiences and needs of educators and others involved in Indigenous education.

Indigenous education is holistic in nature and occurs in many places - urban, rural and remote - and for all ages. NCCIE has been gathering stories from early childhood programs, K-12, post-secondary schools, community centres, and from “the bush,” reflecting the diversity of where Indigenous education takes place.

The NCCIE website features stories about educational programs relating to history and reconciliation, language, science, medicine, culture and arts, life skills, health and wellness, land based learning, and much more.

NCCIE recognizes that not everyone relates to the word “Indigenous.” So, in addition to gaining insight into the breadth and creativity found in educational programs around the country, the following questions are also explored:

- What are your words to describe ‘Indigenous education’?
- What is your vision for the education of your People over the next decade?

## INNOVATIVE DIGITAL DELIVERY

The NCCIE website ([nccie.ca](http://nccie.ca)) is continually adding stories gathered from across the country, showcasing innovative examples of Indigenous education. The stories are accessible in three main ways:

- A magazine-like page that allows you to access various stories;

- A map of Canada that allows you to view videos from a location of your choice; and
- A search engine that sorts stories based on subject, age group and region.

When viewing the details of a story, a visitor can watch the main interview video and review supporting documentation that has been shared. Also, visitors interested in learning more about a particular program will see contact information so that they may connect with the organization or person listed.

In addition, a resource library, organized by province, is under development to allow visitors to browse through articles, education agreements, government documents, and other literature on Indigenous education.

NCCIE.CA is a living database and so will continue to grow, encouraging collaboration and networking by increasing the number of educational experiences showcased on the website.

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### About the logo:

*The NCCIE logo calls to mind a circle of individuals seated and surrounding a central fire. This is the manner in which many Indigenous cultures transferred knowledge historically, gathered around a fire while Elders engaged in the oral tradition of storytelling. To learn about other layers of meaning connected with the NCCIE logo, please visit [NCCIE.CA](http://NCCIE.CA).*

