

EDI NEWSLETTER

February 2024

WELCOME

At Aurora College, we are committed to fostering an environment that celebrates diversity and promotes equity and inclusion for all members of our community. We believe that diversity in all its forms enriches our collective experience and strengthens our institution.

To further our commitment to EDI, we are pleased to introduce the EDI Committee. The Committee was first established in 2022 with Dr. Kathie Pender and Ken Latour as inaugural Co-Chairs. We thank them for their tremendous hard work!

The EDI Committee is dedicated to creating a campus where everyone feels valued, heard, and included. It is comprised of staff members who are passionate about promoting EDI principles throughout our institution.

The EDI Committee is here to serve as a resource for all members of our community - addressing concerns, sharing resources, and organizing events that promote EDI awareness and action. We encourage you to reach out to any of our committee members if you have questions, or would like to get involved in our initiatives.

MEET OUR MEMBERS

Idowu Mogaji, Co-Chair *(she/her)*

Assistant Vice President
Community & Extensions
Yellowknife North Slave Campus

Sunila Kalkar, Co-Chair *(she/her)*

Manager
Research Ethics & Regional Programs
Thebacha Campus

Andrew Homer, Member *(he/him)*

Program Head, Dehcho Region
Fort Simpson Community Learning Centre

Heather LaFoy, Member *(she/her)*

Instructor, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Yellowknife North Slave Campus

Janine Rommel, Member *(she/her)*

Program Head, Early Childhood Development
Yellowknife North Slave Campus

Ken Latour, Member *(he/him)*

Interim Vice President
Community & Extensions
Hay River Community Learning Centre

Lea Barbosa-Leclerc *(she/her)*

Instructor, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Yellowknife North Slave Campus

Tonya Hoddinott, Coordinator *(she/her)*

Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Indigenous
Knowledge (EDI-IK) Coordinator
Thebacha Campus

To stay up to date on EDI activities and resources, keep a eye out for our new webpage and watch for our upcoming newsletters.

We are excited to embark on this journey towards a more inclusive and equitable institution.

Together, we can make a difference and create a campus community that reflects the values of equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Thank you for being part of our community, and we look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

ACTIVITY **How privileged** **are you?**

Click the link above to take a short quiz, or click the play button below to watch a video!



INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES MONTH

February is Indigenous Languages Month! A time for celebration & connection, and everyone has a role to play in ensuring their survival. Everyone is encouraged to participate throughout February and beyond!

Whether you're reconnecting with a language, continuing to speak it at home and in the workplace, or in the beginning of your journey learning a new language, this is an opportunity to share and learn with one another.

For further learning on the nine official Languages of the Northwest Territories, we recommend visiting the ECE website:

[Indigenous Language Resources](#)

An Introduction to the Nine Official Indigenous Languages

Dene Kəḁé

Hello: **Negha Dáḡoht'e**

I'm Sorry: **Bek'ereḷ**

Thank You: **Máhsı**

Dëne Sułiné

Hello: **Édlánet'é**

I'm Sorry: **Bek'e nasdlı**

Thank You: **Mársı**

Dene Zhaté

Hello: **Negha Dáḡondıh**

I'm Sorry: **Edek'ezeḷ**

Thank You: **Máhsı**

Dinjii Zhu' Ginjik

Hello: **Dānch'ùh**

I'm Sorry: **Shatthàii tat ìhsùu**

Thank You: **Haj'**

Inuinnaqtun

Hello: **Haluuqqagin**

I'm Sorry: **Mamianaq**

Thank You: **Quana**

Inuktitut

Hello: **Ainngai**

I'm Sorry: **Mamianaq**

Thank You: **Qujannamiik, Nakurmiik**

Inuvialuktun

Hello: **Aatituu (U), Aaqana (S)**

I'm Sorry: **Ayaq**

Thank You: **Quyanainni**

nēhiyawēwin

Hello: **tānisi**

I'm Sorry: **Pikiskaci**

Thank You: **Kinanāskomitin**

Tłıchǫ

Hello: **Edānet'e / Dānet'e**

I'm Sorry: **Neehǫǫ-le nǫǫ**

Thank You: **Mahsı / Masi**

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Highlighting Black Canadians:

Past, Present and Future

[Ravyn Wngz](#)

Abolitionist, Storyteller

[Dr. Afua Cooper](#)

Poet, Author, Scholar

[Viola Desmond](#)

Businesswoman, Activist

[Brandeis Denham Jolly](#)

Civil Rights Activist, Teacher

[Miali-Elise Coley-Sudlovenick](#)

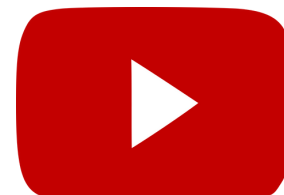
Writer, Educator

Click on their names to learn more about their legacies!

Food for Thought

Ubuntu is a South African philosophy that translates to, "I am because you are."

Click the play button to learn more!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day brings awareness to the negative impact bullying has on youth and students.

It's an opportunity to show your support for the cause and **take a stand against bullying.**

Wear pink on Wednesday, February 28th to participate!



UNW Local 12, 2023

Watch out for activities and events happening on your campus!



Pride Pals

Pride Pals is a group of **students, faculty and staff** who are interested in working together to encourage, advocate, and promote inclusivity for 2SLGBTQIA+ identifying individuals within the Yellowknife campus community.

What does **2SLGBTQIA+** stand for? It's an acronym to represent identities such as two-spirited, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans*, queer/questioning, intersex, asexual/aromantic, + other ways people may identify in relation to sexual identity and gender.

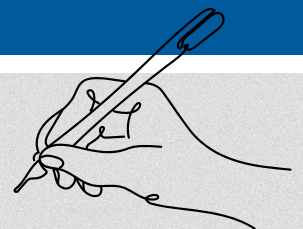
It's a no pressure zone, **there's no requirement to state your identity.**

For more information contact Amy at alea@auroracollege.nt.ca

February 1st:
World Hijab Day

February 10-16th:
Lunar New Year

February 19th:
Louis Riel Day



This Newsletter is presented by the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee.

Reach out to us at EDI@auroracollege.nt.ca



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