

Challenging the Paradigm 2009

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Open invitation from Northwest Community College

CHALLENGING THE PARADIGM 2009 June 21 - 25, Engagement, Innovation, Successes A summer gathering to decolonize post secondary education Northwest Community College is on a transformative journey to indigenize the culture and practice how it provides education in Northwest British Columbia. Challenging the Paradigm 2009 is a summer gathering of scholars and leaders in the post secondary system to exchange ideas. This summer, the focus will be on community engagement, innovations in pedagogy, and successes. Keynote speeches from an exceptional group of prominent aboriginal speakers will stimulate the gathering and frame the discussions of the most innovative practitioners. Program highlights will include:

- - Opening of the Gathering by the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, His Honour, Steven L. Point.
 - - National Aboriginal Days in Terrace (June 21).
 - - Guest Speakers
 - - Plenary sessions on
 - Engagement: Indigenous Leadership and education
 - Finding the Epistemology
 - Innovation: Holistic approaches to learning
 - What Success looks like
 - - Panels and discussions on best practices in implementing the paradigm shift- Community of Practice Panel discussion on Aboriginal Service Plans: "Sharing and Visioning"; - Exhibition at the Freda Diesing School of NW Coast Art- Gathering Banquet prepared by NWCC Culinary Arts diploma class- Salmon BBQ and tour of the Kitselas Canyon National Heritage Centre, including cultural events. Program and Call for Presentations, panels, breakout sessions Our web site will have full information on registration, the program, and proposing panel discussions, workshops, or other presentations. For more information contact:
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