



# First Nations Pedagogy *Online*

## Introduction to Online Resources

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We'll start at 18:00 GMT, 11:00 PDT. Meanwhile, post a note in the chat area to let everyone know where you're from!

A BCcampus funded project

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# Why this project?

- ❖ online delivery of courses specifically targeting Aboriginal learners relatively new in British Columbia and on the increase
- ❖ question of what this means in terms of course design, instructional strategies, and building supportive learning communities, remains a challenge to many instructors
- ❖ *Campus 2020: Thinking Ahead* report - by 2020 rates of Aboriginal post-secondary participation and attainment will be equal to the rates for the general population



# Our Focus

- ❖ research best practices in developing and implementing online learning opportunities for aboriginal learners
- ❖ develop resources that will support instructors and curriculum designers
- ❖ support dialogue and sharing of ideas across institutions



# Online?

from

First Nations Pedagogy for Online Learners

to

First Nations Pedagogy Online





Elders in Formal and Informal Education

by **June Kaminski** - Tuesday, 4 March 2008, 06:14 PM

One critical theme that emerged both from the literature AND the First Nations experts who have given us input into this project is the critical importance of Elders in both formal and informal education. How can this be facilitated in the online environment?

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**Re: Elders in Formal and Informal Education** by Sandy McAuley - Tuesday, 25 March 2008, 04:00 PM

**Re: Elders in Formal and Informal Education** by Rob Johnson - Tuesday, 25 March 2008, 09:14 PM

**Re: Elders in Formal and Informal Education** by Sylvia Currie - Monday, 31 March 2008, 11:16 AM

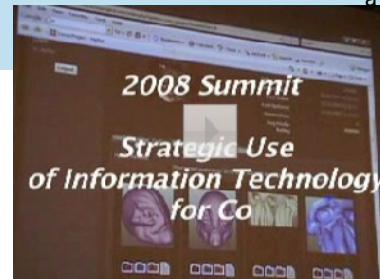
**Re: Elders in Formal and Informal Education** by Wendy Seale-Bakes - Monday, 31 March 2008, 09:24 PM

**Re: Elders in Formal and Informal Education** by Nalin Abeysekera - Thursday, 27 March 2008, 07:40 PM

**Re: Elders in Formal and Informal Education** by Sandy McAuley - Friday, 28 March 2008, 05:48 AM

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SEEING OURSELVES IN THE MIRROR: GIVING LIFE TO LEARNING  
2nd Annual National Conference  
Aboriginal Learning Knowledge Centre  
February 28, 29 & March 1, 2008 - Vancouver, British Columbia



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# Focused dialogue

- ❖ Aboriginal Community Gathering sessions, February 26 (Surrey) and March 18, 2008 (Kla-How-Eya Aboriginal Centre)
- ❖ 2008 ICT Summit – First Nation Technology Council Conference, February 2008, Vancouver
- ❖ Seeing Ourselves in the Mirror: Giving Life to Learning, Aboriginal Learning Knowledge Centre, March, 2008
- ❖ SCoPE online forum: First Nations Pedagogy for Online Learning: March 3 - 31, 2008



# Questions: website content

- ❖ What are the unique needs of Aboriginal learners?
- ❖ What are the important elements of a supportive environment for Aboriginal learners?
- ❖ What are some effective instructional strategies that build on the culture and values of Aboriginal learners?
- ❖ What are the essential elements of an online course?



# Questions: website design

- ❖ What and how can people contribute to the First Nations Pedagogy website?
- ❖ What would you like to take away from the website?
- ❖ Who are the stakeholders/partners?
- ❖ What resources can we build on?
- ❖ What are the design issues and challenges?





# Virtual Tour

<http://firstnationspedagogy.ca>



# Next steps

- ❖ More discussions *about* the project
- ❖ People motivate people to contribute

“steps” by SFB579

