

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Energy in Peace Country

April 20, 2023 | Dawson Creek, BC

An experiential learning event for educators in northeastern British Columbia and northwestern Alberta to gain first-hand information about energy innovations in their own backyard



Introduction and Program

Inside Education hosted the 2023 Energy in Peace Country Teacher Professional Development Program in Dawson Creek, British Columbia on April 20, 2023. The Peace Region is a distinct area that, through the Peace River, serves as a vital lifeline connecting the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia. The unique geological and ecological diversity has led to a variety of natural resource development.

Program highlights included a series of engaging presentations focusing on energy in the region, Indigenous land stewardship and climate change, alongside memorable tours of Ovintiv’s gas plant, the Bear Mountain Wind Park, Peace Energy Collective’s solar system, and alternative energy-fueled vehicles.

The conclusion of the day saw teachers workshopping hands-on, interactive learning resources for implementation in their classroom.

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Introduction - Dawson Creek Chamber of Commerce
Ovintiv Natural Gas Plant Tour
Impacts of Climate Change on the Peace Region
Peace Energy Collective Tour
Bear Mountain Wind Park Tour
Clean Energy Classroom Connections



Program Participants

The 2023 *Energy in the Peace* program was extremely popular, attracting applications from across British Columbia and Alberta. Since the program was earmarked for teachers in the region (only), Inside Education invited 9 highly engaged local teachers. This group represented educators working with students from Grade 6 to Grade 12 with a keen interest in local energy and sustainable resource development.

One of the goals of the program was to showcase the energy development in the area and to engage educators from the region on natural resource education. The feedback we received, both via survey and from conversations with participants during the program, indicated that this goal was achieved.

- Stacy Hanna** | McLeod Elementary, Groundbirch
- Derek Tomaso** | Isabel Campbell Public School, Grande Prairie
- Catriona Imray** | North Peace Secondary, Fort St. John
- Devon Pearce** | North Peace Secondary, Fort St. John
- Lindsay Morrison** | Grande Prairie Composite High, Grande Prairie
- Faye Hollinger** | Isabel Campbell Public School, Grande Prairie
- Julie Shau** | Isabel Campbell Public School, Grande Prairie
- Kimberley Asai** | Dr. Kearney Middle School, Fort St. John
- Theran Bassett** | Dawson Creek Secondary School, Dawson Creek

“The Ovintiv trip was amazing and so worthwhile, particularly how knowledgeable Adam and Ryan were.”
Catriona Imray, North Peace Secondary



Speakers & Program Partners

Inside Education welcomed the active and enthusiastic participation of experts and partner organizations who helped make this teacher professional development program such a success. A very special thank you goes to:

- Duncan Malkinson** | Dawson Creek & District Chamber of Commerce
- Adam Rolick** | Ovintiv
- Bruce Muir** | West Moberly First Nation
- Greg Dueck** | Peace Energy Cooperative
- Daniel McSween** | TriSummit Utilities



“(Inside Education PD programs) provide multiple perspectives from a local aspect. Definitely worth your time.”

- Kimberley Asai, Dr.
Kearney Middle School

Summary and Futures

Inside Education received an overwhelmingly positive response from the teachers participating in the Energy in Peace Country professional development program. Energy development, innovations and climate change are topics for students - both due to curriculum requirements and (even moreso) student interest. We remain committed to developing engaging learning opportunities to support energy and climate literacy in western Canada. Inside Education recognizes that studying these topics is the key to creating a generation of informed stewards and decision-makers.

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