

# EDUCATION? EDUCATION? EDUCATION? WHY NOT?

## Exploration of professions in the field of education for Indigenous communities

There are plenty of opportunities for careers in education to check out if you want to contribute to the future and help your community flourish.

We are offering this exploration activity to help you learn about job opportunities in the field of education. It'll help you validate your perceptions or learn more about how you can contribute to culture and education in your own community. It's also a chance to think about your future in a way that will help you understand how school can prepare you to achieve your personal and career goals.

### Introductory activity

To get you ready to watch the videos, please answer the following questions.

1. How do you see the field of education in your community?

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2. Name a profession or professions that you know about that are in the field of education in your community.

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3. How would you describe these professions within the reality of your community?  
(For example, their role, their usefulness, their challenges and so on.)

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## WATCHING THE PERSONAL ACCOUNTS

The following videos present several personal accounts by people from various Indigenous communities who have chosen the field of education.

1. Introductory video - Pursuing a career in education for my community
2. Sakay Ottawa, Atikamekw – Secondary school principal
3. Tina Valerie Brown, Cree – Counsellor in academic training
4. Louis-Xavier Aubin-Bérubé and Lisa-Maude Aubin-Bérubé, Wolastoqiyik Wahsipekuk – Teacher and Pedagogical content creator respectively
5. Vincent Jeannotte, Micmac – Education and culture director
6. Morgan Phillips, Mohawk – Indigenous research consultant
7. Andrea Brazeau, Inuk – Elementary school teacher
8. Maureen Papatie, Anishnabe – Elementary school vice-principal
9. Danysa Régis-Labbé, Innu – Elementary school teacher
10. Anne Sioui-Riverin, Wendat-Innu – Elementary school teacher
11. Loretta Robinson, Naskapi – Education consultant
12. Stéfanie O'Bomsawin, Abenaki – Project manager

### Feedback on the videos

After listening to the different personal accounts, please answer the following questions:

1. What message did you take away and what new discoveries did you make?

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2. How do you now see the field of education and the career opportunities it offers?

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3. How do you believe it would be possible to pass on one's own culture or bring it to life in one of these professions?

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4. What would motivate you to pursue, or not pursue, studies in the field of education?

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## To find out more:

Depending on the students' interests and needs, the reflection could be extended to include research for more detailed academic and career information.

- First Nations Education Council
- Kativik Ilisarniliriniq School Board
- Cree School Board
- Kiuna College
- McGill University - Office of First Nations and Inuit Education
- UQAT, Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue – First Peoples Service
- Jobs in Education
- Becoming a teacher
- Éducateur en milieu scolaire