

# Exploring Sustainability Through an Indigenous Lens – Getting Started with Elementary Students

**PRESENTED BY****Marie Tremblay & Donna Ross****SERIES SESSIONS**

Date	Time
April 20, 2021	4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
April 27, 2021	4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

**LOCATION****Online****FEE****\$40.00****QUESTIONS?****Contact Us:****[crc-register@arpc.ab.ca](mailto:crc-register@arpc.ab.ca)****[403-291-0967](tel:403-291-0967)****REGISTER ONLINE****Visit our website to register:****[crcpd.ab.ca](http://crcpd.ab.ca)**

## Program

TARGET AUDIENCE: ALL ELEMENTARY TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, COACHES AND EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

Earth Day (April 22) offers the perfect opportunity to celebrate and honour Mother Earth. In this two-part workshop series designed specifically for elementary teachers, explore the concept of sustainability and our relationship to the natural world through both western and Indigenous lenses. Gain confidence that you don't need to be an expert to start your journey into Indigenous knowledge systems and pedagogies but rather, an open mind and heart and a willingness to explore new ideas with your students. Drawing on authentic resources, learn how you can weave Indigenous perspectives into your everyday teaching in a way that engages the cognitive, physical, emotional and spiritual self and fosters deep learning around the notion of sustainability. If these ideas sound interesting but also fill you with trepidation, this workshop is for you!

## Presenters

**Marie Tremblay**

joined the Alberta Council for Environmental Education in 2018 as senior education advisor, bringing to her role a dual passion for education and the environment. With university degrees in engineering, education, environmental design (Master's) and ecology (PhD), it's fair to say she also has a passion for learning. Marie's professional experience includes over a decade of teaching in a variety of settings from grade 1 to university level, including five years in

Indigenous communities of Canada's far north. Marie has also been an active member of Alberta's environmental community for over two decades as a graduate student and conservation scientist in the government and non-profit sectors. Marie is particularly passionate about developing critical thinking skills and sustainability competencies through environmental and climate education.

### **Donna Ross**

is a 32-year educator. She is Cree Métis from Saskatchewan and member of the One Arrow First Nation, Treaty Six territory. Donna began her teaching career as a classroom teacher with Tsuut'ina Nation and continued to support First Nations learners in subsequent positions with Siksika and Stoney Nakoda Nations, and is currently an Indigenous Designer of Learning with the Calgary Regional Consortium. Donna brings passion and a deep knowledge of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit histories, the impact of residential schools, and the embedding of Indigenous ways of knowing into Alberta curriculum and organizational culture. She is also a proud kokum!

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