WFATE Conference -2023

**Determined:**

* Time: Mid-July 2023
* Location: University of Victoria in collaboration with local school boards as well as the Indigenous community leaders in British Columbia
* Duration: 2-3 day conference
* Inviting teacher educators and researchers from around the world (US, Europe, Australasia…)

**In-progress:**

* Theme and format

Possible Theme:

* Decolonizing and Indigenizing Academia: Fostering Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging
* Equity and access to education

The focus of WFATE- 2023 will be to engage in a conversation about how we - teacher educators, faculties of education and teacher education programs, and K-12 and postsecondary stakeholders address and learn from each other about ways in which to inform how we do teacher education. This conversation would be drawn with a vision to address barriers as well as gaps in the teacher education systems at local and global levels when addressing the need to decolonize and Indigenize academic spaces. We look forward to creating a space where we foster conversation around how Equity, Diversity and Inclusion transpires around the different teacher education programs and faculties; thereby fostering a sense of belonging.

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