

Arts Integration Learning Lab Workshop Descriptions

Day 1: Creativity 101

How do we talk about creativity within an institutional, educational context? Through left- and right-brain workshop activities, participate in a series of collaborative, hands-on experiences that will unpack contemporary perceptions of art and education, philosophies and domains of the creative process, and an introduction to arts integration as an approach to teaching.

Day 2: Pedagogy - Art Practice as Teaching Practice

A7xekcal is a Lil'wat word that refers to "the ways teachers help to locate the infinite capacity in each learner. It involves developing each person's individual gifts and expertise in a holistic manner" (Source: Spirals of Inquiry). This is key to arts-based pedagogy. Share your connection to this concept as you gain understanding and skills on how to break open your art practice. Invite learners to dialogue and to experience the process for themselves—and through this, learning happens. This workshop explores how the creative process can engage and activate our imagination as an agent for learning.

Day 3: Navigating Resources

Having a sound knowledge of resources is key to creating inclusive, informative and engaging arts-based learning experiences for young people. Discover where to access relevant resources and learn how to utilize them effectively. Through a series of collaborative workshop activities, learn how to navigate the BC Ministry of Education Curriculum with confidence and gain perspectives on grant writing and the selection process. Using an "incubator" process, transform art project ideas by taking part in a great opportunity to initialize, evolve, and expand ideas collaboratively with other artists.

Day 4: School Culture Panel Discussion

Every school has a unique combination of cultural values, norms and guiding principles that form their collective "school culture". Through an interactive panel discussion and hands-on presentation with experienced educators and professional teaching artists, gain perspectives about the contemporary nuances of schools in British Columbia.

Day 5: Meta-Learning

Learning requires constant reflection to deepen our understanding and perspectives. Taking all of our learning in the last 5 days as our starting point, we dive into "meta-moments" to unpack the process and methods of learning that we all collaboratively created and participated in throughout the Learning Lab.