



IPE/BC Forum and AGM

We're pleased to announce that the Institute for Public Education/BC will be holding its annual Forum and AGM in person this year. We hope to see you there. Everyone is welcome, so please don't hesitate to invite friends and contacts with an interest in quality, accessible, inclusive public education.

Date: March 2, 2023

Time: 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: [CN Strategy Room, Room 2800 in the Segal Building](#), 500 Granville Street, Vancouver

This location is very easy to access by [Skytrain, Canada Line or Bus](#). If you're travelling by car, two of the closest parking lots are the Imperial Parking garage [at 450 West Cordova St](#) and the Diamond Parking garage at [443 Seymour St](#).

Program

5:00 pm- Networking, Socializing and Light Refreshments

5:30 pm- Panel Discussion

Stretched to the Limit



Public sector services in Canada, like health care, are making headlines across the country for a crisis in service delivery. Millions of Canadians cannot find a family doctor, many can't access critical surgeries and treatments due to lengthening waitlists, and the professionals entrusted with our care are experiencing burnout and leaving the profession in high numbers. These challenges are unfolding, even as health care takes up a larger percentage of GDP than ever before, reaching a high of 13.8% in 2020.

Education is on the verge of a similar crisis. The teacher shortage is reaching crisis proportions, universities are crumbling, and provincial governments are treating educators as if they are the problem rather than partners in revitalization. Investment in K-12 education in BC is at historic lows, just 1.6% of GDP in 2019, half what it was in 1982. This panel will bring together senior leaders in the education sector to discuss the looming crisis facing our sector, as well as help us begin to explore what our hopes and dreams for a revitalized education sector could look like.

Our Panelists:

Annabree Fairweather, Executive Director, CUFA/BC

Andrée Gacoin, Director of Information, Research, and International Solidarity, BCTF

Tracy Humphries, Executive Director, BC EdAccess

Discussant- Dan Laitsch, IPE/BC Chairperson

Hopes and Dreams for Public Education in BC

Christine Younghusband, IPE/BC Board of Directors will report on the IPE/BC Hopes and Dreams Project and engage panelists and participants in sharing their thoughts.

Note: For those who are not able to make it in person, you can join us by Zoom. Please email us at info@publicedbc.ca for the Zoom link and details.

7:00 IPE/BC AGM

Reports, Board announcements and appointments

8:00 Adjournment



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