



August 26, 2019

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The Adult Education Secondary Council is pleased to announce the theme of this year's annual fall conference: ["Beyond the 94. What Now?"](#)

The Conference will take place **October 24 and 25, 2019** at the Canad Inns Polo Park, 1405 St. Matthews Avenue, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Treaty 1, territories of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Dakota, Dene, Métis, and Oji-Cree Nations.

The Adult Secondary Education Council provides voice and representation for adult educators and literacy instructors in Manitoba. We are committed to continuous learning and professional development. We work hard to provide our members with two conferences per year. As a non-profit volunteer organization, without any paid staff, the strength of our work is in the commitment and dedication of our members. We believe that Education and Reconciliation go hand in hand and that it is time to bring truth and action to our teaching.

As Senator Murray Sinclair said, "Education is what got us here, and Education is what will get us out." We ask you to take your rightful place in restoring balance to the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Canada. We ask you to get involved and to make your difference. This letter is your invitation to become a champion, a partner, or an ally in our shared journey and in our ASEC Fall Conference – **"Beyond the 94. What Now?"**

What role will you play?

- **Attend the Conference** – The conference will support educators in championing truth and action in their classrooms or individuals interested in strengthening their own understanding of how history has affected all of our relationships. The conference will focus on three important themes: *Remembering Together*, *Taking Action in the Classroom*, and *Healing for Change*. Mark your calendars to attend and follow the conference updates on the ASEC website.
- **Share at the Conference by Presenting** – ASEC is looking for presenters to deliver inspiring, educational sessions for this annual event, which attracts over 150 delegates. We look to our community to help us to share innovative and promising practices that are leading to Truth and Reconciliation and better relations. Please fill out the ASEC Fall Conference Call For Presenters Application that can be found on the ASEC website. The deadline for applications is **September 13, 2019**.
- **Be a Champion and Support through Sponsorship** – The opportunity is here for your organization to participate as a sponsor for the ASEC **"Beyond the 94. What Now?"** conference. Supporting the conference will offer the opportunity for your organization to

demonstrate your commitment to Truth and Reconciliation and to specifically respond to Call to Action 92.

Your financial support will provide for conference expenses ensuring Elder, Healing Staff, and a myriad of exceptional workshops, as well as supporting ASEC's ongoing commitment to supporting all adult educators in developing their personal and professional understanding of our shared roles in advancing an agenda for Truth and Reconciliation. This is also an opportunity to highlight the work your organization conducts and possible resources you can offer to adult educators. We look to work with all sponsors to establish a recognition plan that works for you. To discuss partnership with ASEC, please contact: Rita Lynn Emerson-Misling at 1-204-307-1995 or at remerson@ucn.ca.

- **Donate a Silent Auction Item** – ASEC will host a Silent Auction fundraiser at the Fall Conference. This is ASEC's only fundraising activity. All funds raised through the silent auction are used to support operational expenses of the organization, to support the STARR Writer's Contest for students, and to advance representation and development activities for Adult Literacy Programs and Adult Learning Centres in Manitoba. Donations are gratefully accepted and arrangements for pick up can be made by contacting us at asecmanitoba@gmail.com.
- **Participate in the Market and Information Tables** – Teachers love to shop! ASEC is looking for talented artists, artisans, and entrepreneurs who want to set up shop at the 2019 ASEC Fall Conference. Preference will be given to Indigenous vendors. We welcome and encourage vendors to donate a prize for our silent auction to assist with our fundraising efforts.

We also invite commercial and social organizations to reserve an information table at the conference and share how your organization is working to help advance Truth and Reconciliation in educational settings around the province. There is an information table fee of \$50 per day. If this fee is prohibitive, please do not hesitate to contact us.

If you wish to participate in the Market or Information Tables, please complete the ASEC Table Booking Form that can be found on the ASEC website **by October 11, 2019**.

We invite you to follow conference information as it becomes available on the Adult Secondary Education Council website, www.asecmanitoba.ca on the [2019 Fall Conference page](#).

The ASEC Board Members look forward to continuing the discussion and advancing reconciliation together with you at **"Beyond the 94. What Now?"**. Gichi Miigwtich.

Sincerely,

Rita Lynn Emerson-Misling
Conference Co-Chair