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## Two Journeys, One Path: Tracing Respect in Aboriginal Teachings and Environmental Education

March 30, 2015, Corner Brook, NL—Aboriginal cultural teachings and environmental education in Newfoundland and Labrador share a common thread: respect for the land and consideration for the needs of future generations. This shared path will be the theme of an upcoming conference being held at the Pepsi Centre in Corner Brook, April 30- May 2.

The three day event, co-hosted by Qalipu's Natural Resource Division (QNRD) and the Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Educators (NLEE), is open to anyone interested or experienced in subjects relating to connecting Aboriginal Culture and environmental education.

Margaret McKeon, Chair Person for NLEE and Outdoor Educator with the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District western region says "This event will provide an opportunity to build connections between the two worlds of Aboriginal culture and environmental education. This could include exploring how to teach about respectful and sustainable living and how to infuse Aboriginal ecological perspectives into our classrooms or the community. We are delighted also to be able to welcome keynote speaker Barbra Wilson, Haida Elder Researcher and Instructorwith the Faculty of Education, Simon Fraser University."

Jonathan Strickland, Manager of QNRD says that his group was eager to work with NLEE. "Part of our mandate is to engage our communities and youth on the importance of environmental stewardship and, how we can do our part. Working with the Environmental Educators group allows us to do that while also learning some new teaching tools and methods from an experienced group of individuals who care about the environment."

Registration to the event is now open and can be accessed at <u>www.nlee.ca/events.</u>

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