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Your Canadian Learning Library

Explore engaging, place-based programs and hybrid learning resources that will put a spark in your classroom!

All BC public schools will be able to access Live It Earth's bilingual, place-based online education programming, thanks to an agreement with Focused Education Resources.

Students across British Columbia will soon have a new open-source of learning and inspiration that will help them grow up to become the future stewards of our communities and lands.

With the participation of the Government of Canada and British Columbia's Ministry of Education and Child Care, a new agreement between Nelson-based Live It Earth and Focused Education Resources (Focused ED) will enable public schools across the province to access hundreds of hours of bilingual, place-based online education programming.

by
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As of July 2022, K-7 schools across British Columbia that are members of Focused ED have had full access to Live It Earth's bilingual, hybrid learning programming.

"The buy-in from my students is 100%. Students need a lot of visual stimuli for learning these days, and Live It does this really well with all the challenges and live Q&A. Having access to these programs is like receiving a gift. I can't imagine a teacher not being stoked to have all of this engaging material laid out for you."

~ Jason Terfloth, Teacher, BC School District 61

The Live It Earth Library features more than 20 programs about topics ranging from climate change to marine life, old-growth forests, and more. Along with a signature half-hour feature show, each program includes teacher resources designed to inspire learning, both inside and outside the classroom. All resources are natively bilingual, with separate English and French versions.

Each month, Live It Earth premieres a new program that includes students directly, with calls to submit artwork and Live Q&As with subject matter experts.

"Our programming is designed to help teachers spark

inquiry in their students and inspire learning that connects to the core competencies at the heart of the new BC education curriculum," adds Live It Earth Director of Education, David Russell-Loewen.

"I'm excited to be collaborating with teachers across British Columbia to deliver our resources to their classrooms and students."

Live It Earth was founded in 2017 and is powered by a team of professional educators, creative storytellers and production specialists who care deeply about what they do. They believe in the power of education and stories to share peoples' connections with the natural world, history, and culture and are committed to including Indigenous worldviews in their educational programs. Based in Nelson, BC they are a small company with big ambitions, and invite teachers and administrators to reach out with any feedback on improving their programs and resources.

"Live It Earth has put a spark into my classroom! We really enjoy the variety of activities and challenges. My students are engaged and eager to learn more about whatever topic we're doing."

~ Brenda Keay, Teacher, BC School District 22





HOW IT WORKS - NEW PROGRAM LAUNCH

• WEEK ONE

Monday:

Teachers will receive email notification that the Program resources are ready. They can get familiar with the latest program and pick and pull the resources and challenges to explore with their class.

Later that week:

Print out copies or add the Inquiry Guide to Google Classroom or Teams.

Watch the program trailer with the class (Introduction to the topic).

Explore the slideshow with students (This may be done as a class activity or per student depending on the age and technology available in the classroom).

Choose from Creative, STEM, and Story Challenges to build engagement.

• WEEK TWO

Monday:

Keep exploring, complete and share challenge(s)

Tuesday:

Share your students' creative challenge photos to Twitter using the hashtag #liveitearth

Wednesday:

Gather your student questions and schedule them for Twitter the next day (optional)

Thursday:

Feature Show launches at 10am in English & 11am in French

Students get to see a compilation of their creative artwork streamed just before the show!

Students can ask their questions via Q&A feature with help from teachers and parents from 10am to 12pm PST.

If your students are hungry for more about the topic watch a 'Deep Dive' with our experts.

If you're unable to watch the "Feature Show" during the launch time, you can always watch it another day!

Friday:

Test your knowledge and skill with the Game Challenge!

Explore the Call-to-Action and Live It 360 resources for project based learning.

• WEEK THREE & BEYOND

Continue on with Game Challenges or Call-to-Action

Have students select a self-assessment option to document their learning

Consider exploring a program show or resources from the Relive It Library that can connect or build on the interests of the class!

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

Live It Earth produces eight feature shows per school year, but you also get access to an entire library of past shows and resources.

You will receive a reminder that your teacher resources are ready 10 days before a new feature show launch.

Educator resources for all programs include:

- **CHECKLIST**

Provides a one-pager of all the pertinent information and components involved in participating fully in the Live It experience!

- **CREATIVE CHALLENGE**

Get engaged in the theme of the show with these fun cross-curricular and creative challenges. This engagement will support learning in the inquiry process and during the show itself.

- **STEM CHALLENGE**

Live It STEM challenges (Science Technology Engineering and Math) get kids problem solving and working in a hands-on way. Kids of varying ages and skill levels can engage and build complexity. The Bonus Creative Challenge ties into the STEM challenge to make it STEAM!

- **STORY CHALLENGE**

Check out what books Mrs. McMillen has found. After reading one or more books, choose from the creative writing prompts and activities provided.

- **GAME CHALLENGE**

Gamify your learning with these fun and challenging games built by the Live It team. Try playing collaboratively as a team or competitively to get the high score!

- **INQUIRY GUIDE**

Use the Inquiry Guide to support inquiry prior to, during and even after the Live It show for project-based learning. Distribute printable or digital copies per learner or just load one copy right into Google Classroom as a handout!

- **SLIDESHOW**

The slideshow is a great preview and introduction to the Live It show. It is a supplemental resource and also an enrichment resource for going deeper in either depth or scope.

- **GLOSSARY**

Build your vocabulary by learning how to use these words - curated from the Feature Show and Slideshow! *Pro tip: try using one or more of these words in your Story Challenge!*



WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

- **DEEP DIVE**

Deep Dive videos appear in the Explore section of a program and go in-depth with experts about a topic they are passionate about.

- **CAREER PATHWAYS**

Career Pathways are short videos that explore unconventional or unknown careers and an expert's own personal story of getting there.

- **INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES**

Whenever possible Indigenous perspectives are included and integrated in the Feature Show and slideshow resource. In some cases, there will be a supplemental video in the Explore section that provides more time and space for Indigenous experts to share insights, traditional knowledge, and connections to other related topics.

- **CALL-TO-ACTION**

Live It values a learning-by-doing approach to encourage learners to foster their own personal and social values organically. Each show and slideshow

will recommend a call to action for viewers! The prompts in each show will vary from citizen science to community service, and experiential or project-based learning.

- **SELF-ASSESSMENT**

Support kids to set their own goals and take authorship of their learning by reflecting on and describing who they are as learners, noticing their progress, and sharing their accomplishments in a timely and holistic way.

- Practice the ability to assess one's own strengths
- Create meaningful and achievable goals
- Provide illustrations or examples of one's learning
- Revisit previous self-assessments where appropriate to demonstrate growth over time

Browse the selection of printable and Google Classroom ready self-assessment templates.

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