FORED Projects

(summary of 2018 and ongoing 2019)

FORED's community sustainability activity is made possible with the immeasurable contribution of our members, volunteers, directors & staff. Our hands-on, diversified volunteer Board of Directors from law, business, education, accounting, public relations, & academe, governs our policy & programs with outstanding leadership. Program highlights and stakeholder feedback follow:

Sustainable Communities & Neighbourhoods (SCAN):

- As part of our Sustainable Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) Program, Landscapes magazine continues to be a popular online resource.
- Community best practices in sustainability resources from our magazine Landscapes and other sources are downloaded by **56,000 individuals monthly** from our website foredbc.org
- We receive commending emails from teachers, students and others who download our materials.
- FORED is an advisory member of the **Institute for Environmental Learning**, led by SFU's Dr. David Zandvliet, FORED director & volunteer. This **UN-designated organization** develops and supports research on environmental learning & sustainable development across BC.

Aboriginal Heritage, Education & Dialogue (AHEAD):
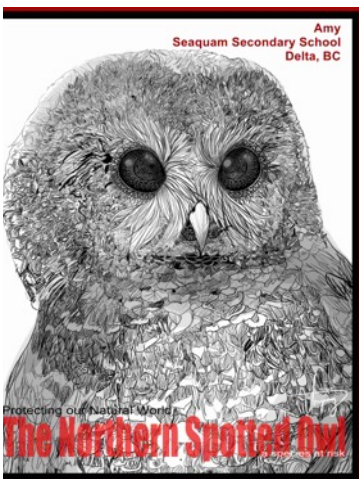

To celebrate cultural & heritage traditions of BC's aboriginal people, FORED offered its annual **Traditional Knowledge (TK) & Medicine** artwork contest for aboriginal youth, in April. Their posters are **displayed in the Ministry of Education office (Victoria) for National Aboriginal Day (June 21st) at gov't request.** Prizes were awarded to each of the following youths (see posters at end of this report & on our website). We also did three facebook ads to target youth, parents and their teachers, obtaining **75,718 views** according to Facebook analytics.

FORED provides annual **Traditional Knowledge scholarships to** First Nations students selected by Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (NVIT). Candidates must provide a short essay on how Traditional Ecological Knowledge is applied to environmental resources management in their community. Luke Thomas (Vancouver campus student) and Kathleen Davidson (Merritt campus student), each received a $500 FORED **Traditional Knowledge scholarship**.
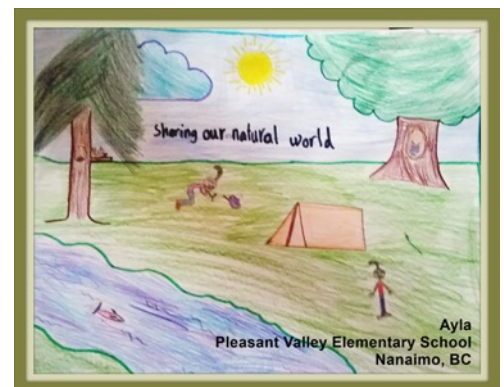

In Summer/Fall 2018, FORED BC published our newest online interactive publication entitled **First Choices First Nations 2018**, which salutes the **strong heritage of trade and commerce that is successfully re-emerging today among First Nations.** The Ministry of Advanced Education (AVED) continue to promote FORED's YouTube channel, featuring **First Nations mentors sharing** natural resources career advice to youth, on the Ministry of Advanced Education social media channels. The videos collectively have more than 100,000 views.

Youth Engaging Sustainability (YES):

FORED BC's annual youth poster contest for National Forest Week once again drew hundreds of entries from BC youths K-12. The 2018 contest theme was ***"Research Forests: Sharing our Natural World".*** Prizes were awarded to the following students with some posters featured in this report.

- **Luna, Squamish Waldorf School, Squamish**
- **Rory & Isla, Madeira Park Elem. School, Madeira Park**
- **Amy, Seaquam Sec. School, Delta**
- **Alexis and Adi, Ecole La Vallee, Pemberton**
- **Ayla, Pleasant Valley Elem School, Nanaimo**
- **Jake, Diamond Elem School, Surrey**
- **Emma, Diamond Elem School, Surrey**

All winners on our website.

Traditional Knowledge & Medicine Poster Winners:

- **Mia, grade 4, Metis and Mi' Kmaq Brentwood Bay Elem. School, Brentwood Bay**
- **Emilia & Annalysia, grade 3 & 4, Metis, Gibsons**
- **Simone, Kaydus & Lillyanna, grade 3 & 4, Tsay Keh Dene school**
- **Arianna, grade 7, Cree, Harwin Elem. School, Prince George**
- **Cheyanne, Grade 9, Cowichan, Claremont Sec. School, Victoria**
- **Hayley, Grade 3, Senpaqcin School, Osoyoos Indian Band, Oliver**

Partnerships:

Thanks to our many volunteers for their continued support, and our social media friends for sharing our programs widely. This broadens FORED outreach to thousands of BC citizens, particularly youth. **We acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia** through gaming funds, as well as our members and the Vancouver Foundation.