



INSIDE EDUCATION'S **ANNUAL REPORT** TO THE COMMUNITY

Bringing environmental and
natural resource education
to life for teachers and
students for 38 years!

Inside Education's work connects us to the Traditional lands of the Treaty 6, Treaty 7 and Treaty 8 First Nations Peoples and Métis people province-wide. In our journey towards Reconciliation as an organization, we respectfully acknowledge the Indigenous people who have cared for and traveled through the land in the area currently known as Alberta since time immemorial.



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DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS,



On behalf of my colleagues on the Inside Education Board of Directors, I am honored to present to you our 2023 Annual Report to the community. What a year! This report encapsulates the collective efforts, dedication, and achievements of our organization, made possible by the commitment of our incredible staff and the steadfast support of our community.

I am so proud of the team at Inside Education. I extend my deepest gratitude for their hard work and passion throughout the year. The dedication and commitment to our organization's mission has been nothing short of inspiring. The team's creativity, innovation, and adaptability have allowed us to make a meaningful impact in the lives and learning of teachers and students across Alberta which you will see reflected in the following pages.

After 32 years of exceptional service and the last 18 years as Inside Education's Executive Director, Steve McIsaac, will be retiring from his position in the new year. A committee of the Board has been struck to secure a new Executive Director with an open competition being held through an executive recruiting firm. The Board and staff of Inside Education look forward to welcoming a new Executive Director to continue to build upon Inside Education's legacy of being an award-winning environmental and natural resource education leader - a legacy started by our founder, Jim Martin, in 1985.

I know I speak for the board when I extend my heartfelt appreciation for your continued belief in our mission of supporting teachers and inspiring students to become engaged stewards of our environment and natural resources. As we look ahead to the future and with Inside Education's 40th birthday in 2025, let us carry forward the spirit of collaboration, innovation, and resilience that has defined us in the past 39 years. Together, we will continue to strive to make a positive difference in the lives of students and teachers.

Sincerely,

Trent Zacharias
*President and Chair of the Board
Inside Education Society of Alberta*

OUR 2023 STAFF

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OUR MISSION

We support teachers and inspire students to better understand the science, technology, and issues related to our environment and natural resources.

OUR VISION

We envision future generations of engaged stewards who think critically about our environment and natural resources and their important relationship with our economy and society.

We believe in experiential learning to enrich the curriculum. Our team of educators work directly with teachers and students every day to provide them with unique, hands-on learning opportunities that leave a lasting impact.

We make our programs accessible across Alberta. Our programs are offered at no cost to schools. Our team of educators travel across the province to ensure that all students and teachers have equal opportunity to access our programs.

We bring together experts who represent a spectrum of perspectives. Working collaboratively, we encourage participants to be well-informed, critical thinkers and stewards of our environment and natural resources.

We focus on key topics and today's issues with an eye to the future. We give teachers and students the knowledge, resources, and skills to be innovative leaders and take action in their schools and communities.

OUR PROGRAM APPROACH



PROGRAM TOPICS

- AGRICULTURE
- AIR QUALITY
- CAREERS
- CLIMATE CHANGE
- ENERGY
- FORESTS
- STEWARDSHIP
- WATER
- WILDLIFE
- TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION



IMPACT REPORT 2023

In 2023, we were proud to bring environmental and natural resource topics to life for **24,961** students

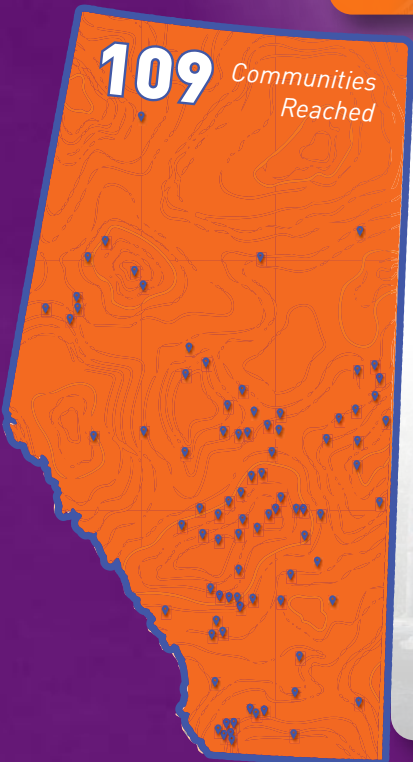
12,955 Students Participated in Forest & Wetland Field Trips

10,843 Students Reached by Classroom Programs

417 Teachers Attended Our Professional Development Programs

74 Environmental School Projects Supported

1,089 Teachers & Students Participated in Youth Summits & Innovation Days



Airdrie	Drumheller	Killam	Sherwood Park	Dawson Creek, BC
Ardmore	Duffield	Lacombe	Siksika Nation	Fort St. John, BC
Beaumont	Edmonton	Leduc	Spruce Grove	Groundbirch, BC
Beaverlodge	Edson	Leslieville	St. Albert	North Vancouver, BC
Bentley	Elizabeth Métis Settlement	Lethbridge	Standard	Tumbler Ridge, BC
Brocket	Elk Point	Medicine Hat	Stettler	
Brooks	Erskine	Morinville	Stoney Nakoda First Nation	Lloydminster, SK
Byemore	Fairview	Mountain View	Sunchild First Nation	Melfort SK
Calgary	Fishing Lake Métis Settlement	Myrnam	Stony Plain	Mortlach, SK
Calmar	Fort Assiniboine	O'Chiese First Nation	Strathmore	Prince Albert, SK
Camrose	Fort McMurray	Okotoks	Sunchild First Nation	Saskatoon, SK
Castor	Fort Saskatchewan	Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement	Sundre	Altona, MB
Chestermere	Gadsby	Piikani First Nation	Swan Hills	Souris, MB
Coaldale	Grande Prairie	Pincher Creek	Sylvan Lake	MacTier, ON
Coalhurst	Grovedale	Ponoka	Turner Valley	Clarenceville, NL
Cochrane	Halkirk	Provost	Vauxhall	L'Anse au Loup, NL
Cold Lake	Hanna	Red Deer	Vermillion	St. John's, NL
Condor	High Prairie	Red Willow	Wabasca	Two Islands, NL
Daysland	Hill Spring	Rimbey	Wainwright	Behchokò, NT
Delburne	Hinton	Riviere Qui Barre	Warner	
Didsbury	Innisfail	Rocky Mountain House	Westlock	
Dixonville	Innisfree	Rocky View County	Wetaskiwin	
Donnelly	Irma	Sexsmith	Whitecourt	
Drayton Valley				

CHECK OUT OUR 2023 HIGHLIGHTS



Hosted **Generate/Navigate Youth Environmental Leadership Summit** with
160 STUDENTS AND TEACHERS
from 20 high schools across Alberta and Northeastern British Columbia



PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDAL

Inside Education's Executive Director Steve McIsaac received the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal for his contributions to Alberta

SUMMER INSTITUTE

Hosted our 30th annual Summer Institute with 24 teachers from 8 different provinces across Canada on a five-day adventure on an **Energy Futures National Summer Teacher Professional Development**

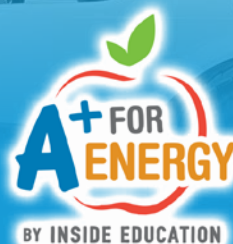
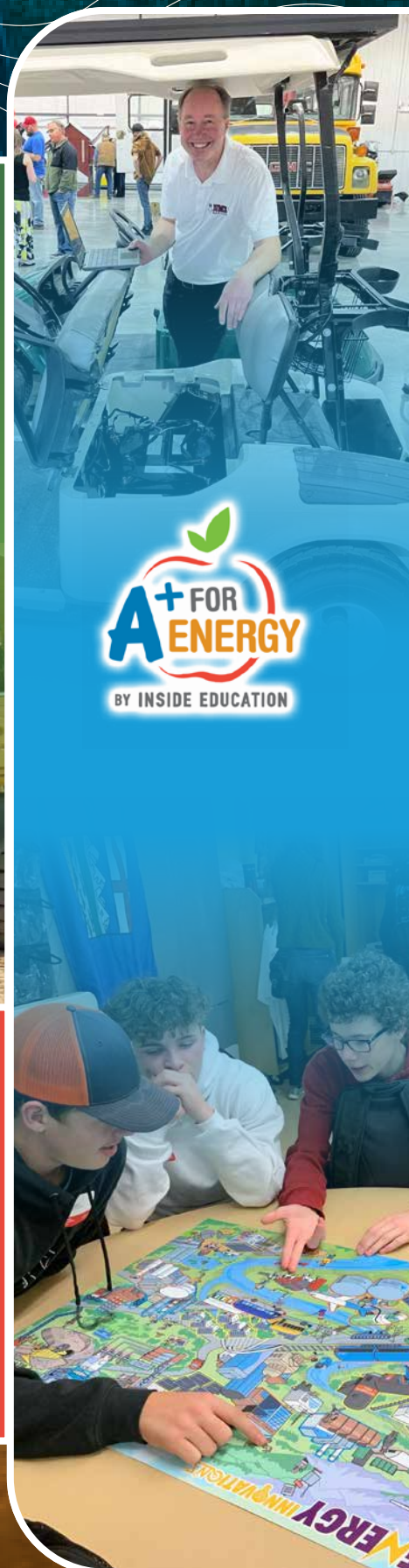


HOSTED 12



Energy
Innovation
Days

including the first event in Northeastern British Columbia



23 GRANTS AWARDED

Celebrated the 16th annual **A+ for Energy Grant** program by supporting 23 Energy Education Projects across Alberta

WOMEN IN OUTDOOR CAREERS

Hosted two new **Women in Outdoor Careers** events bringing together diverse opportunities in environmental careers



HANDS ON FOREST EDUCATION

Facilitated hands-on forest education with students and teachers at 8 forest field sites across Alberta



Finalist for a 2023 ASTech Award for our **Cultivate Agriculture Leadership Youth Summit**

CLEAN50 EMERGING LEADER

Mila Mezei, Inside Education's Energy Program Lead, is honored as a Clean50 Emerging Leader



TESTIMONIALS

I LOVED BEING ABLE TO GO ‘BEHIND THE SCENES’
and that does not happen in most professional learning opportunities. I have been given the tools, now it is up to me to give neutral informed opportunities for students in the future.

JONATHAN FILEWICH,
TEACHER AT SOURIS SCHOOL,
SOURIS, MANITOBA

I THOUGHT THE PROGRAM WAS INFORMATIVE AND KID-CENTRED
and the activities were engaging and fun!

JASON CHRIS,
TEACHER AT BATTALION PARK SCHOOL, CALGARY

I AM SO THANKFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY!
I have learned so much through all the speakers and hands-on projects that we have done. My favourite moments are learning about solar and wind power, and I hope to bring those ideas back to our school to create a more environmentally friendly planet

JUSTIN,
STUDENT AT BROOKS COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL, BROOKS

OUR BODIES WERE EXHAUSTED FROM A FULL DAY OF LEARNING, OUR MINDS FULL OF KNOWLEDGE AND HEARTS FULL OF GRATITUDE!
Thank you for the wonderful opportunity to take our classroom outdoors and for the meaningful hands-on learning activities. It was beautiful to see Alberta’s parklands biome in person and be able to witness conservation in action.

KATHARINE MAH,
TEACHER @ ACADEMY AT KING EDWARD,
EDMONTON - ENERGY INNOVATIONS DAYS

TESTIMONIALS

YOU’RE IMPACTING STUDENTS IN SUCH MEANINGFUL WAYS!
The work Inside Education does to encourage critical thinking provides youth with a unique opportunity to connect with decision-makers and shows them that they don’t have to wait to get involved. Keep up the great work!

ANDRÉ MORSON,
TEACHER AT HARRY COLLINGE HIGH SCHOOL, HINTON

I JUST WANTED TO SAY A BIG THANK YOU
for making the programs Inside Education provides possible for my students. I have used Inside Education for 9 years and have loved every program they offered to me and my students!

PAULA VINNICK,
TEACHER AT ST. ELIZABETH SETON SCHOOL, EDMONTON

THANK YOU FOR DRIVING ME TO BE A LEADER.
Every insight I received was an “Aha!” moment, every conversation inspiring, and every smile so special. Thank you for encouraging me to use my voice to usher in amazing changes we will see in the future.

MAYA,
STUDENT AT ROBERT THIRSK HIGH SCHOOL, CALGARY

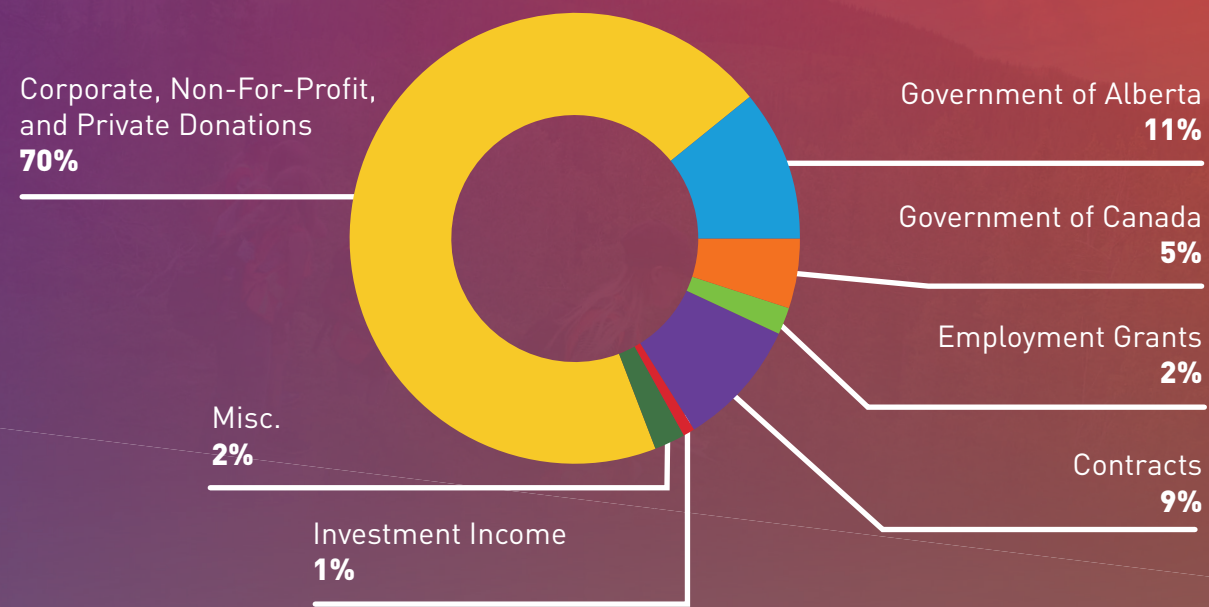
I was amazed when Kat told me that she could bring the Wetland Program to my school! Not only did they arrive promptly but they also stopped to collect some bugs from the wetland for the students to explore.

At first my students were disappointed that we had to stay at the school, but very quickly they were engaged in the program and happily exploring and classifying wetland creatures. The program covered all of our grade level outcomes and the presenters were enthusiastic and knowledgeable.

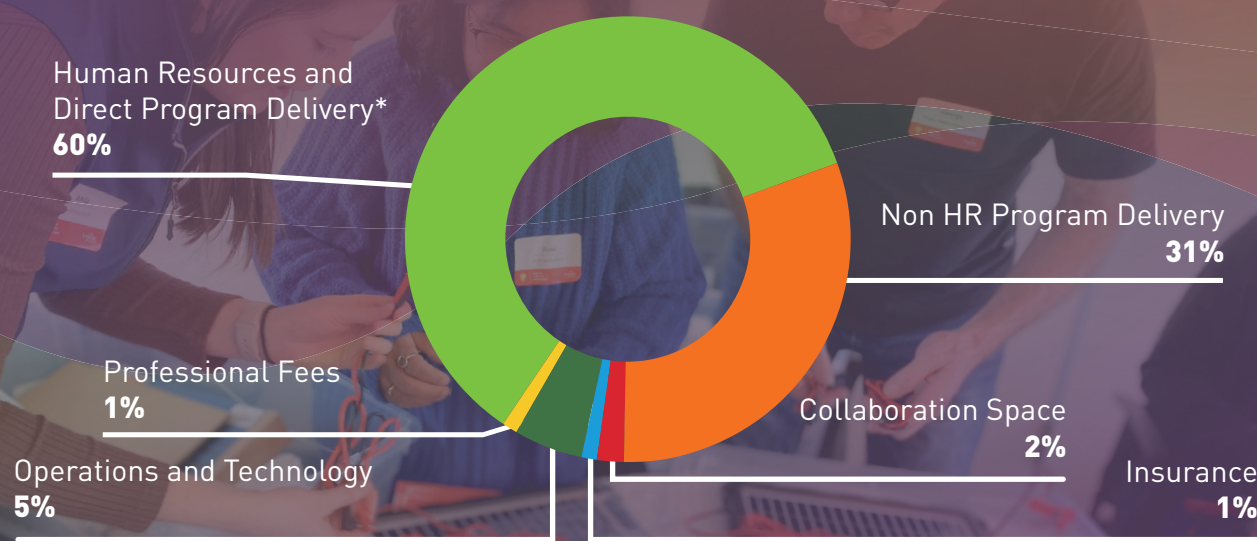
I just wanted to say thank you for your contribution to make programs like this happen. Without your support, students would not have access to such valuable resources and programs. Thank you!

DANNIELLE KOROL,
TEACHER @ JOHN W. COSTELLO CATHOLIC SCHOOL

REVENUE



EXPENDITURES



* Nearly all of Inside Education's programs involve our staff directly delivering learning experiences. So our people are also our programs!

OUR PARTNERS

Inside Education sincerely appreciates our funding partners for their support and commitment to our mission of helping create the next generation of engaged and informed stewards of our environment and natural resources.

ALLIANCE



SUSTAINING



SUPPORTING



WITH APPRECIATION

In addition to our formal partners, Inside Education extends its sincere thanks to the organizations that provided in-kind support for our programs throughout 2023. To the hundreds of individuals from each of these organizations, we thank you for giving your time to support all of our programs throughout the year.



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