

The Relationship With Land and The Acceptance of Change (*Jessie Fiddler-Kiss*)

Jessie Fiddler-Kiss is the principal of Wisakejak Education. She is a Metis woman, mother of 3 and lives in Bragg Creek, Alberta. Her paternal family comes from the Batoche Metis community in Northern Saskatchewan, and her maternal side from Scotland and Norway. She is the creator of the Moss Bag Project: A scholarship for Indigenous mothers pursuing their post-secondary education. Jessie is an advocate for decolonizing education and indigenous rights.

Jessie's session will discuss perspectives on balance and transition and our relationship to the land through the lens of infinite refining of circle teachings. All of us are in constant state of change just like the land we live upon, and the stronger the relationship we have with our home can bring each of us ease in our life. This session offers an Indigenous perspective (Nehiyawak/Otipemisiwak) of circle teachings and how they can be useful for all people living on this land called Alberta, Canada.

We are in relationship to the land we live on, whether we are originally from this territory or not. Join Jessie Fiddler-Kiss in a good conversation to strengthen your relationship with the land you inhabit.

You can expect the following outcomes from this session:

- To begin a relationship with the land that we live on, or to deepen it
- To share Nehiyawak/Otipemisiwak perspectives on balance and transition
- To share historical and contemporary perspectives on land and its "uses" as it relates to relationship and balance
- To have participants reflect upon their own foundational understanding of change and make their own connections throughout the session