

# SPACECRAFT: A4LE BC Chapter Newsletter

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Happy New Year, everyone!

I'm excited to be sending out this first message of 2024 as your incoming Chapter President! It's going to be a busy and productive year for our British Columbia Chapter.

As you're undoubtedly aware, the BC Chapter hosted the 'Island Ingenuity' conference in Victoria last October. More than 60 delegates participated, and were able to tour LÁU, WELNEW First Nations school (MMAL); PEXSISEN and Centre Mountain Lellum schools (HCMA), and a new Sooke library (HDR). Special thanks to Windy Beadall and Pete Godau from SD 62 for organizing, and the many volunteers who helped with logistics. Presentations are now available on the website at: [https://www.a4le.org/Pacific\\_Northwest/British\\_Columbia/2023\\_Fall\\_Chapter\\_Conference.aspx](https://www.a4le.org/Pacific_Northwest/British_Columbia/2023_Fall_Chapter_Conference.aspx)

Please note that your BC Chapter Board has made a few changes this year: Elaine Collins, Lisa MacIntosh, and Stephen Hyndes have stepped down to pursue other interests. We wish them well, and thank them for their contributions. We also have four new members: Kate Lemon, Danika Irvine, Margarita Krivolutskaya, and Stephen McNicholls. A big welcome to them!

We have a number of great events coming up this year, including our first tour and happy hour at SFU and a trip to the Fraser Valley. Make sure to put them on your calendar when dates are confirmed.

Finally, I'd like to close by reminding members that this Association needs new members to help us continue to deliver inspired and innovative work for our clients. Please spread the word about A4LE when you're speaking to other professionals involved in school design and construction, particularly consultants. More members benefit all of us! Thanks!

Ray Wolfe, President  
A4LE BC Chapter



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Centre Mountain Lellum Middle School



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Pexsisen Elementary School

"Twenty Under Forty" is an educational and networking gathering for twenty members of the Pacific Northwest Region who are near or under forty years of age. The event will bring together the young leaders and future leaders of this organization for face-to-face interaction with their peers and associates. The development and growth of personal relationships has been a key factor within our organization.

As the PNW is one of the largest regions in the association, and we like to think the most progressive region in the organization, we should be the leaders in this new initiative to provide additional value for membership to our emerging professional members and to aid with the succession of the leadership and future direction of the overall organization, at the chapter, regional, and international levels.

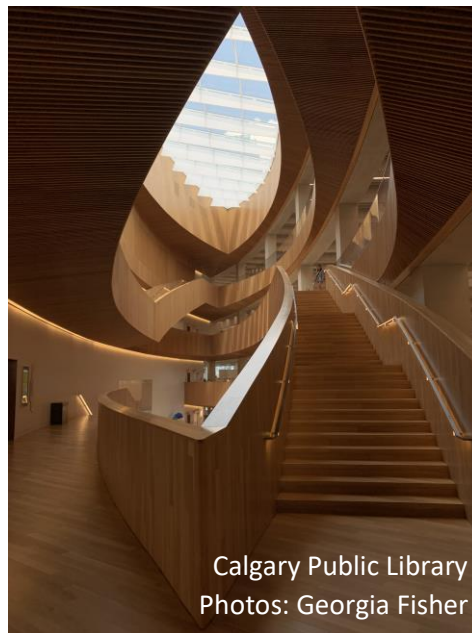
**A4LE BC Chapter support the "20 Under 40" Program by sponsoring young BC Chapter Members to attend this important annual event, to be held in Tacoma Washington - July 2024.**

If you know of a young BC Chapter Member who shows leadership potential and meets the criteria of 'near or under' forty years of age, please forward to [a4le\\_bc\\_chapter@hotmail.com](mailto:a4le_bc_chapter@hotmail.com):

- The candidate's name;
- Contact information;
- Short bio; and
- Reasons for recommending them to attend "20 Under 40".

**The deadline for submissions is March 28, 2024.**

A4LE BC Chapter Board will review submissions and make a decision by the end of April 2024.



Calgary Public Library  
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# EVENTS

## UPCOMING EVENTS - 2024:

- **April 9-12 – West Region Conference 2024, Honolulu Hawaii** (Page 5)
- **April 17-19 – “Resilience”:** Canmore, Alberta (Alberta website)
- **April 26 – Tour & Happy Hour:** SFU Tours, Burnaby Mountain
- **May 30-31 – “Future Focused Fraser Valley”:** Mini Conference, Chilliwack BC - School Tours, Educational Sessions & Networking!
- **Sept 13 / Oct 4 / Nov 8 – Webinar Series: *Transforming Teamwork; Web of Support; Mittens & Gloves*** (Page 6)
- **October 16-19 – LearningSCAPES 2024, Portland Oregon** (Page 5)
- **October 24-25 – “Ideas Take Flight”** Mini Conference, Kelowna BC. Includes AGM, Educational Sessions, Tours of Kelowna Schools, UBCO Facilities and the K.F. Aerospace Centre for Excellence
- **Nov 1 or Nov 15 – “Tour & Happy Hour”** Lower Mainland School Tour & Social (TBC)

## EVENTS - 2025:

- **Spring 2025 – Pacific Northwest Regional Conference in Alberta** (TBC)
- **Oct 30-Nov 2, 2025 - LearningSCAPES 2025 Phoenix, Arizona** (Page 5)

**Do you have a presentation topic or new facility tour that may be of interest to the A4LE BC Chapter Members?**

**Remember that libraries, museums and recreation centres are learning spaces too!**

## **PLEASE SEND US A NOTE!**

**We are planning ahead and looking for interesting topics, tours and content for our members.**

**No “sales pitches” please! We are asking for presentations and tours that share best practice, highlight innovations in the industry, and enhance learning spaces for learners of all ages.**





## A4LE BC Chapter LEE Grant (Learning Environment Enhancement)

A4LE BC Chapter is proud to be in our 5th year of offering a grant opportunity open to all K-12 schools in the province. The Learning Environment Enhancement (LEE) Grant supports schools to realize a unique vision to enhance their learning environments. Over the years, we've had the privilege of reviewing over 80 applications representing schools from numerous districts within the province and have awarded over \$35,000 in prize funds.

Each year, we are inspired by the creativity and ingenuity displayed by the applicants. Some examples of past submissions include outdoor classroom designs, sensory and resource room upgrades, makerspace tools and equipment and garden projects.

Our top prize in 2022 went to New Hazelton Elementary (Coast Mountain SC #82). The applicants used the \$5000 in grant money to build moveable workstations for their STEM lab and have since won the [Premier's Award for Excellence in Education for Outstanding Team Collaboration](#).

This year, we are excited to announce a total prize pool of \$12,000 available to any school organization affiliated with students enrolled in a public or private BC K-12 school. **Look out for an email with entry details.** Submissions should be sent via email to [sharmayme@gmail.com](mailto:sharmayme@gmail.com) before the submission deadline of May 31.

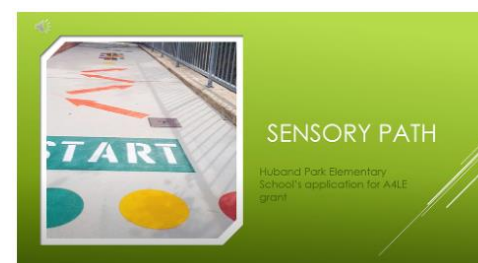
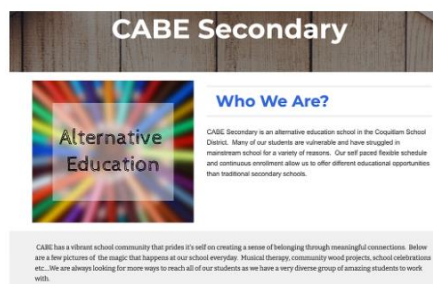
The LEE committee is looking for direct sponsorship to amplify the impact of this initiative by increasing the prize money. If you or your organization are interested in contributing to this program and helping us expand the prize offerings, please connect with us.

**Check out our 2023 winners:**  
[British Columbia Chapter \(a4le.org\)](https://a4le.org)

**First Place - \$5,500**  
Mt. Sentinel Secondary School  
Kootenay Lake SD#8  
Creative Classroom Spaces

**Second Place - \$3,000**  
CABE Secondary  
Coquitlam SD #43  
Zen Den

**Third Place - \$1,500**  
Hubland Park Elementary  
Comox SD#71  
Sensory Path





**2024 WEST REGION CONFERENCE**  
CULTURAL CROSSROADS IN EDUCATION

**April 9-12, 2024**  
*Cultural Crossroads in Education*  
Honolulu, HI

For program & registration, please visit [West Region 2024 Conference Schedule \(a4le.org\)](https://a4le.org/West-Region-2024-Conference-Schedule)

# LearningSCAPES 2024



**October 16-19, 2024**  
*One Association for the Success of  
Education*  
Portland, OR

**CALL FOR SPEAKERS  
DEADLINE EXTENDED**

We invite you to submit speaking proposals for LearningSCAPES 2024.  
**Please submit your proposal by March 22, 2024.**

2025



**SAVE the DATE**

A4LE LearningSCAPES 2025 PHOENIX  
Sheraton / Convention Center  
Phoenix, Arizona  
October 30-November 2

2026



**SAVE THE DATE**

A4LE LearningSCAPES 2026 SEATTLE  
Seattle, Washington  
November 3-7, 2026

## Western Canada Webinar Series

### Transforming Teamwork – September 13, 2024

**11:00 am – 12:00 pm Pacific Daylight Time (BC)**

Consider bringing an example of a recent project and learn how your organization, school and learning environments can be transformed through teamwork. This session includes opportunities to get to know your teammates, take on authentic challenges and utilize a 4-part framework to grow the capacity of your team.

### Web of Support – October 4, 2024

**11:00 – 12:00 pm Pacific Daylight Time (BC)**

Consider bringing another example of a recent project and learn how the ICAR-US Web Of Support© will change your organization, school and learning environments. This session includes Derek Peterson's famous Napkin Talk, interactive conversations and challenges to apply to your setting.

### Mittens & Gloves – November 8, 2024

**11:00 am – 12:00 pm Pacific Daylight Time (BC)**

Consider bringing one more example of a recent project and learn how to test your organizational readiness for the future using a simple Mitten & Glove framework. This session includes brief presentations, dynamic conversations and practical applications for your organization, school and learning environments.

#### **YOU SHOULD ATTEND THESE WORKSHOPS IF YOU:**

- **Are a planner, architect, designer, project manager or school district staff dedicated to good school design;**
- **Are involved in design decisions for school planning, design, construction, furnishing and operations; and**
- **Believe in building for the future, flexibility, inclusivity and diversity of students that the school serves.**

#### **Speaker: Nick Salmon**

Nick is the founder and president of the Collaborative Learning Network. He is a ninth-generation educator focused on educational facility planning, professional development of educators and design support for future-flexible learning environments that cost less to design, build, own, operate and maintain. He is the world's first self-certified educational furniture whisperer – capable of coaxing the greatest potential out of the unruliest school furnishings. His global practice (6 continents, 35 countries, 42 US states) includes co-facilitating Harvard's annual Learning Environments For Tomorrow Institute. In addition to working with more than 200 schools on more than 40 educational visioning and master planning efforts, Nick is a co-founder (with Dr. Fran Locker & Gabriel Diago) of the Revolution in Education Congress in Bogota and Cartagena, Colombia where he leads hands-on project-based learning experiences built upon personal, local, cultural, or global passions. Nick is the four-time host of the online webinar 24Hours of PBL+, an international celebration of Project Based Learning that includes learners and educators from 75 schools and organizations in 40 countries on 6 continents. He is the co-author (with Erin O'Reilly & Mar Cano) of TeamED: Building more effective teams for projects, education and community. He is co-authoring Web Builders Nigeria with Paul Iwok & Derek Peterson. Nick is the author of Almost, tales of failure, recovery & persistence and near brushes with discomfort. Nick has also written a children's book entitled Pelchers: childhood memories of the village store. A second children's book Fireflies will be published in 2024.