

Guided by the values of reciprocity and relationality, Lisa Cruickshank is proud to lead the work in Métis Education & Lifelong Learning while working alongside the Métis community. Lisa has worked in the K-12 system for over 20 years in various capacities, such as: Elementary Educator, Indigenous Education Consultant, Provincial Curriculum Developer; and is now currently the Director for Métis Education and Lifelong learning at Rupertsland Institute. Her leadership includes Early Learning programming and training, K-12 initiatives, providing support and access to Post-Secondary education, Michif language revitalization, and delivering Métis education at the Post-Secondary level through various courses and partnerships. Building capacity for Métis education within educational systems is one of Lisa's long-term goals. Lisa envisions a future where system leaders intentionally make space for Métis Education, so everyone can be a part of this change making narrative.

Holly Brandsma, is a proud Métis woman, Educator, mother and wife connected to the historical Métis community of m̃nitow s̃akahikanihk - Lac Ste Anne and resides in amiskwaciy-w̃askahikan - Edmonton. Holly has facilitated learning in various capacities such as consulting, as a curriculum coordinator and has taught from K-12 for over 20 years. Holly is reclaiming language and cultural ways of knowing and being and loves being on the land. Holly is currently completing her Masters of Indigenous Land-Based Education and is passionate and committed to advancing Métis education as a Metis Education and Learning Initiatives Consultant with Rupertsland Center for Teaching and Learning.

Session descriptor:

Session 1,2, & 3

Rupertsland Institute Resources available for educators

This session is designed for participants to explore several authentic, recommended Métis educational materials that help to create teachable moments and provide foundational learning opportunities through-out the school year. Building your foundational knowledge about Métis will empower you to select authentic, accurate resources that honour distinct Métis perspectives to weave into your current teaching practice. Together we will explore resources designed by Métis educators that weave Métis voices into your learning.

Session 4: Michif

Languages traditionally spoken in the Métis Nation are deeply connected to Métis people's community, culture, and nationhood. Learn about Métis languages and identity in this introductory exploration of Rupertsland Institute's Métis Foundational Knowledge theme, Languages of Métis.