



**NOIIE Symposium**  
***Strong Roots: Rising Up***  
**May 8-9, 2026**

**PROGRAM DAY 1**  
**Friday, May 8, 2026**

<b>7:30 - 8:30</b>	Check-In and Breakfast
<b>8:30 - 9:00</b>	<b>Welcome to the Symposium</b> Lori Burger (SD 52 Prince Rupert) and Tashi Kirincic (SD 37 Delta)  <b>Acknowledgement of Territory</b> Alec Dan  <b>Cowichan Tzinquaw Dance Group</b> The Cowichan Tzinquaw Dance Group represents the Cowichan Tribes, part of the Coast Salish peoples of Vancouver Island.
<b>9:00 - 9:15</b>	<b>Strong Roots: Rising Up</b> Judy Halbert and Linda Kaser, NOIIE
<b>9:15 - 10:15</b>	<b>Lessons from <i>Spic'n</i> - A Collaborative Journey Grounded in Story, Identity, Land, and Shared Vision</b> Leona Prince, Anne Tenning, Jason Andrews, Christine Yanciw, and Jody Billingsley
<b>10:15 - 10:45</b>	Stretch & Network
<b>10:45 - 12:15</b>	<b>Beautiful Work</b> Ron Berger
<b>12:15-1:00</b>	Lunch
<b>1:00 - 2:00</b>	<b>Group Presentations, Break-Out #1</b>
<b>2:00 - 2:15</b>	Stretch & Network
<b>2:15 - 3:15</b>	<b>Group Presentations, Break-Out #2</b>
<b>3:15 - 3:30</b>	Stretch & Network
<b>3:30 - 4:00</b>	<b>From Roots to Seeds</b> Jillian Lewis
<b>4:00 - 5:00</b>	<b>Social Hour (with cash bar)</b>



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**PROGRAM DAY 2**  
**Saturday, May 9, 2026**

<b>7:30 - 8:15 am</b>	Breakfast
<b>8:15 - 8:45</b>	<b>Welcome to the Day - Music and Movement</b> Lori Burger, Tashi Kirincic, and Jillian Lewis
<b>8:45 - 10:15</b>	<b>Leaders of Their Own Learning</b> Ron Berger
<b>10:15 - 10:45</b>	Network & Stretch
<b>10:45 - 11:15</b>	<b>Journeys with Jo: The Promise of Transformation</b> Jo Chrona
<b>11:15 - 11:45</b>	<b>Wellness, Belonging, and Connection: Returning to Relationship Through Land and Keyoh</b> Leona Prince
<b>11:45 - 12:00</b>	<b>Judy Halbert and Linda Kaser - Strong Roots: Rising Up</b>
<b>12:00 - 12:15</b>	<b>Rising Up - Moving Forward</b>