Call for Submissions: Special Edition by Children & Youth

Deadline: December 1, 2020

The First Nations Child & Family Caring Society is thrilled to announce the third child and youth edition of the First Peoples Child & Family Review!

As we approach the 10th anniversary of Shannen’s Dream Day of Action, first celebrated on April 27, 2011, this special edition honours Shannen Koostachin and Shannen’s Dream for safe and comfy schools (shannensdream.ca).

It has also been five years since the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada released its Calls to Action. Just as Shannen and her friends knew that they deserved a good education, the Calls to Action call on the government to make sure that all kids in Canada are getting a fair education.

Every child in Canada has the right to a quality education that respects our languages and cultures. Because First Nations education is funded less, First Nations children and young people do not have the same opportunities as other children in this country to pursue their dreams.

This special edition is a chance for children and youth across Canada to share their thoughts on Shannen’s Dream, to reflect on the past, and hope for the future.

Children and youth, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, from across the country are invited to submit a letter/poem/one-page drawing/two-page essay/2-3 minute video on one or all of the following topics:

- The power of young people and ways we can make a difference for First Nations kids.
- Your hope and dreams for how to make Shannen’s Dream come true.
- Other reflections on Shannen’s belief that every kid has an equal education and the right to live their dreams.

Submissions will be reviewed by a committee of children and youth who will decide on final submissions to appear in this special edition.

We welcome submissions in written, audio, visual, or other academic and creative formats. Submissions can be in English, French, an Indigenous language, or Sign Language.

Please note: submissions, including artwork, will not be returned. Young people under 18 years old will need permission from a guardian to have their work published. Please provide guardian contact information in the registration form below.

For questions, please contact the Coordinating Editors of the First Peoples Child & Family Review:

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