

FORED PROJECTS

(summary of 2009 and ongoing 2010)

FORED's community sustainability education would not be possible without the immeasurable contribution of our members, volunteers, directors & staff. Our hands-on, diversified volunteer Board of Directors from law, business, education, academe & First Nations, governs our policy & programs with outstanding leadership. Here are some highlights of our achievements:

Sustainable Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) program:

- Landscapes magazine continues to be one of FORED's most popular resources, with global circulation of about 420,000 annually including website download.
- Community sustainability [best practices templates](#) were uploaded on our website www.landscapesmag.com. Over **80,000 individuals annually** throughout BC and abroad use our resources through web download, partnerships and workshops.
- Gave copyright permission to a BCIT instructor to reproduce a FORED BC sustainability resource entitled *Get the Message* (1 page) for inclusion in their course manual *LIBS 7009 Course Readings*. BCIT sells the manual to students and will remit a small portion of the sales proceeds back to FORED BC as a royalty fee.



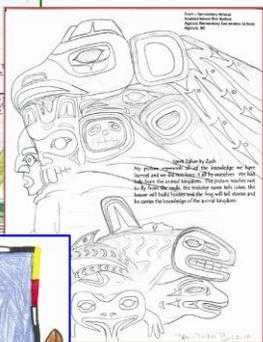
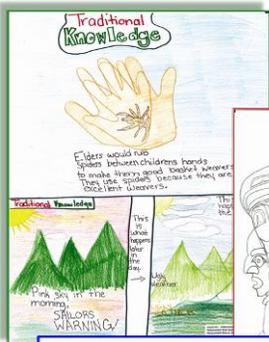
Aboriginal Heritage, Education and Dialogue (AHEAD) program:

- In March 2010, FORED was a contributing partner at the second

annual **Aboriginal Institute for Management Excellence (AIME)** with the lead agency Aboriginal Forest Industries Council (AFIC) and **volunteers from First Nations, industry and government**. First Nations managers participated in a three-day Natural Resources management mentorship program uniquely designed for First Nations. See *photos at right*.

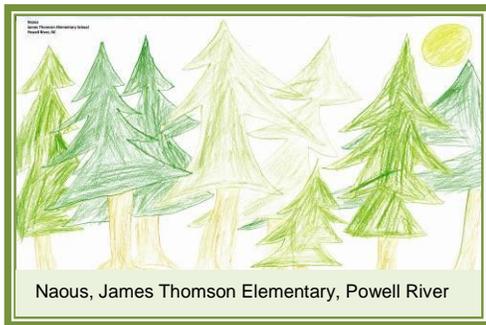


- To celebrate the rich cultural and heritage traditions of BC's aboriginal people, FORED sponsored a cash prize **poster contest in April for aboriginal youth**. The theme was *Traditional Knowledge and Medicine*. Winning entries from three age categories collected a \$50 prize. Winners: Primary – Sarina, Osoyoos Indian Band, Sen Pok Chin School, Oliver; Intermediate – Jaylynn, Hesquiaht First Nation, Hesquiaht Place of Learning, Tofino; Secondary – Zach, Seabird Island First Nation, Agassiz Elementary Secondary School, Agassiz. Winners' posters (at left) will also be uploaded to the FORED website.



- Survey of First Nations Leadership: In partnership with **First Nations Emergency Social Services (FNESS)**, FORED approached First Nations leaders across BC with a view to **improving economic opportunity for First Nations youth** by providing programs on career awareness coupled with developing public safety and wildfire risk management tools in First Nations communities.

Youth Engaging Sustainability (YES) program:



➤ FORED BC's **annual youth poster contest** for National Forest Week once again drew hundreds of entries. Fifty dollar prizes went to youths in three age categories. Winners: Primary – Naous, James Thomson Elementary School, Powell River (*see poster*); Intermediate – Marissa, Cassie Hall Elementary School, Terrace; Secondary – Katrina, Burnaby Central Secondary School, Burnaby.

➤ **In May, FORED presented the second annual FORED \$500 scholarship to Ernie Last, an aboriginal student attending Nicola Valley Institute of Technology in Merritt, BC.** The scholarship is open

to all students of self-declared aboriginal ancestry in Natural Resources programs. Applicants described **how traditional knowledge was integrated in natural resources management in their territory, community or Band decision-making processes.**

- FORED has been a longstanding editorial advisory committee member of the *Science Times* environmental newsletter for youths, grade 4-12. Found at <http://sciencetimes.ca/>, the newsletter focuses on contemporary environmental challenges and solutions in language appropriate to youth audiences, with complimentary lesson plans for teachers included.

Partnerships:

- During June, July & August 2009, FORED managed emergency firefighter training for the Ministry of Forests and Range (MoFR), coordinating the training of close to 600 emergency firefighters, primarily First Nations and unemployed forest workers across BC (Prince George, Kamloops, Duncan, etc.). MoFR commended FORED on its proficient administration of this mammoth project.
- FORED has been credited for its advisory service to **BEAHR (Building Environmental Aboriginal Human Resources)** in **developing national solid waste occupational standards for Aboriginal communities** in BC and across Canada. See link: <http://www.beahr.com/publications.aspx?language=0> Scroll down to Solid Waste Coordinator pdf file.
- **Vancouver Next top Charity:** Fored BC Society was invited to participate in an online fundraising event by "SpottedDoing" for local charities and not-for-profit organizations. FORED has uploaded a video and will attempt to garner enough votes through friends and networks to create some buzz and ideally cultivate some new donors. <http://spotteddoing.com/topcharity/> was started by two university students who wanted to design new innovative avenues online to support social causes and philanthropy organizations. Many organizations such as the David Suzuki Foundation and Canuck Place Children's Hospice are also competing.
- FORED participated on an ENGO committee **advising the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC) on 2010 sustainability goals.**
- We gratefully acknowledge the continuing long-term support of the Province of BC, through gaming funds, as well as our members and our Vancouver and Vancity Foundation sponsors.

