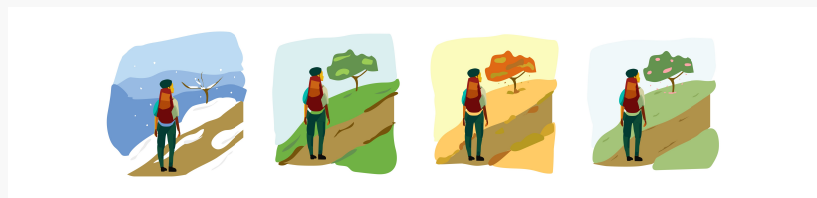


CI Newsletter: Feb 12-16, 2024

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Hello everyone!

Check out some exciting resources, developments and events below.

Curriculum Integration Project



Caption: Curriculum Integration logo. Source: Teaching & Learning Centre.

Week 3: Concepts & Connections Working Session

In Week 3 of the CI Project, faculty champions have been given the opportunity to discuss the concepts from Week 1 and to begin thinking about values statements. Faculty can join one of three sessions virtually or in room K4075 at Newnham Campus. [Register for the sessions in MyPD.](#)

- Monday, February 12, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm (virtual)
- Tuesday, February 13, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (in-person)
- Thursday, February 15, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (virtual)

Week 4: Curriculum Strategies Session

In Week 4 of the CI Project, faculty are invited to join one of the three Curriculum Strategies sessions where we will discuss frameworks and approaches to help develop your curriculum integration strategies. Join us in one of three sessions virtually or in room A2506 at Newnham Campus. These sessions will be held on:

- Tuesday, February 20, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm (online)

- Thursday, February 22, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (in-person)
- Friday, February 23, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (online)

To join any of the sessions, feel free to [register for Week 4 CI sessions in MyPD today!](#)

Curriculum Café

Our next Curriculum Café is virtual and will be held on Friday, February 16, 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm. This virtual Curriculum Café discussion will be an ongoing opportunity for faculty to share their curriculum stories and values statements. Note: All sessions are open to non-faculty champions. [Register for Curriculum Café in MyPD today!](#)

Seneca's Curriculum Café is a bi-weekly informal get-together where faculty share and learn about curriculum integration in Truth & Reconciliation (TRC), Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI), and Sustainability (SUS).



Caption: Curriculum Café logo. Source: Teaching & Learning Centre.

Event Announcement

We are days away from Teaching and Learning Day Winter 2024! On Monday, February 26, 9:00 am–3:30 pm at Newnham campus, faculty can join us and explore the cutting-edge innovations that put technology at your fingertips and revolutionize the way we teach and learn.

This Teaching & Learning Day will feature hot tech topics focused on artificial intelligence (AI) and extended reality (XR). Don't miss out on the opportunity to attend [Maya Georgieva's](#) captivating keynote, "Learning Reimagined: The Next Frontier of Immersive Learning," along with engaging workshops and an XR showcase.

Full details are available on the [Teaching & Learning Day Winter 2024 event website.](#)



Professional Development

Sustainability Short Course

The Teaching & Learning Centre is pleased to announce the launch of [Sustainability in Our Classrooms](#), a 4-week/4-module asynchronous online course for full-time and non-full-time faculty. In this foundational course, we will explore strategies to integrate environmental, economic, and social sustainability into our courses. A digital badge will be awarded to anyone who successfully completes the course and submits a completed sustainability integration worksheet. [Check out the course description, learning outcomes, and course details on MyPD](#). The registration deadline is Friday, March 1 at 1:00 p.m. **Note:** This course is one of four courses being offered in Seneca's Professional Development Plan for Non-Full-Time Faculty Members.



Caption: Image of Sustainability in Our Classrooms micro-credential. Source: Seneca Polytechnic.

Team Spotlight

We are happy to introduce Leigh Simpson-Ahwanaquot, Manager of Odeyto with FirstPeoples (2:00) [Video]. [Watch Leigh's video](#) below to learn how we are all story, and why through sharing your story, we can all learn together.

Event Calendar

Every February, Seneca pays tribute to the contributions and sacrifices of Black Canadians,

whose efforts have shaped our country and transformed it into the culturally diverse and compassionate place it is today. Black History Month celebrates the rich cultural heritage, triumphs, and challenges that have become an indelible part of our country's history.

This year's theme, Building Blocks for Black Futures, represents the importance of our foundations as an institution to address and dismantle the inequities faced by Black communities while calling for the urgent need to build new foundations that nurture a future of justice and possibilities.

Throughout the month, Seneca Polytechnic employees are invited to engage in a series of events designed to foster awareness, understanding and celebration including:

- Thursday, Feb. 15, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm in Library, Seneca@York
Campus: [Afrofuturistic Art and Unveiling and LEGO® Workshop with Ekow Nimakow](#)
- Thursday, Feb. 22, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm in Newnham Campus, Building K: [Black Excellence Showcase](#)

Learn about these events and more by visiting the [Black History Month space](#).



Caption: Black History Month 2024 banner. Source: Seneca Polytechnic.

Classroom Connection

February 10, 2024 marked the start of the [Lunar New Year](#), celebrated by many Asian communities. The date of the lunar new year will differ depending on [the lunar calendar](#) but typically, celebrations last for a couple of weeks. 2024 welcomes the [Year of the Dragon](#), and a fun activity each Lunar New Year is to consider how this particular year influences each [Chinese zodiac sign](#). If you're curious, learn what the [Lunar New Year horoscope has in store for your Chinese zodiac sign](#). And for those who celebrate, continue to enjoy all of the Lunar New Year [celebrations](#), [events](#) and [food](#)!



Caption: Image of a person performing lion dance. Source: [Adobe Stock](#)

Looking for support? Feel free to reach out to the CI team at any time by emailing teaching@senecapolytechnic.ca.



Caption: Artwork by Isaac Murdoch, "The Petition to the Water Spirits", located at Seneca@York Courtyard. Source: Seneca Polytechnic, 2023.



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