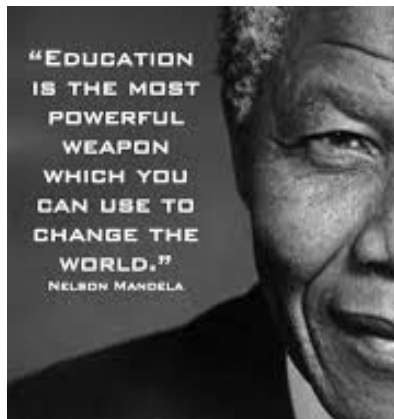


# Educators of Colour Network (EOCN)



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## Message From The Leadership

Welcome to our first EOCN meeting of 2014! This gathering is all about expanding our circle. Whether it is in deepening our understanding of Canadian context and the navigation of our schools system within our culture, reconnecting with old colleagues and broadening our friendships, or quite literally expanding our base, the EOCN hopes you will come away from this session feeling invigorated, and most importantly: listened to. The steering committee has heard your needs and has responded with sessions that we hope will further prepare you in your pursuit of career opportunities that are fulfilling and allow you to not only showcase your skills as experts in your discipline, but also to enhance your educational toolkit. Our mandate has NOT changed! We are still working to provide our members opportunities to increase the representation of all visible minorities in our schools and to help foster leadership in our community.

Our schools are changing at a rapid pace and for some of our members, not being in a classroom for any significant amount of time can equal to light-years in terms of educational philosophy, teaching strategies, and increased technological implementation in the classroom. We always want you to feel more equipped with each session that you attend and we will continue to work towards this goal.

A special thanks to the teachers and administrators who have taken time out of their hectic schedules to offer their expertise. Every person you speak to today feels that your issues are important. Finally, on behalf of the steering committee, I would like to thank you for maintaining resilience in the midst of the struggle that many of our forbears had. A hard journey becomes much sweeter when we reach our goal. And at the same time, it is also our job to make a positive impact once we get there!

## Who is EOCN?

EOCN, or the Educators of Colour Network, was founded in October of 2009 with the original intent of bringing together young, Black educators with the support of the Black Educators Association of Manitoba. Interest from educators belonging to other cultural backgrounds quickly expanded the vision of the Network.

EOCN is an independent grassroots organization that seeks to increase and support diversity in education by providing learning and networking opportunities to all educators, regardless of back-ground. We look to school divisions across the city and other organizations for modest financial support and to host our events. There is no formal membership process or fees associated with participating in the Network. Simply email us to be added to our contact list. ALL with an interest in working towards more culturally inclusive school cultures are welcome to attend.

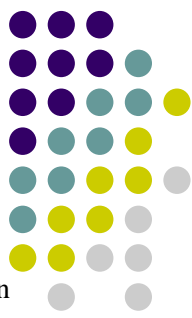
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*Special Thanks to  
Duane Brothers  
(Superintendent, Louis  
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for hosting our first  
EOCN meeting of the  
new year 2014!*

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## Testimonials

\* *EOCN gave me an opportunity to meet very talented educators who sacrifice their invaluable time and energy to help educators of colour develop skill sets and cultural understanding that are required to successfully integrate into the teaching profession in Manitoba.*

*Yared Keleta*

\* *I appreciate the work the network does. It is a vehicle for information regarding education and an opportunity to sharpen my skills. It is also a forum to meet others of like mind.*

*Angelina Olivier-Job*

\* *As an educator of colour from the Philippines, I am fortunate to have been part of the network since its inception. The network has been a tremendous help in so many ways to me when I was just beginning to resume my career here in Manitoba, first as a substitute teacher and then now as a full-time teacher at Maples Collegiate. I was able to meet fellow educators and mentors who are very supportive through the Educators of Colour Network. This experience serves as a huge help in successfully positioning myself to a new school culture and system.*

*I commend the leadership team for their great initiatives and hope to spread the word to others who need some guidance.*

*Porfiria Pedrina*

\* *It's been five years ago, when I decided to join and participate in the educators of colour network. I believe that through this group, I grow professionally, socially and academically in the field of teaching.*

*Nestor Ching*

## Sessions we have offered...

Since our inception, we have offered sessions that have touched on the following topics:

- Intro to iPads
- Differentiated Instruction
- Assessment for/as/of Learning
- Supporting Students from the LGBTTTQ Community
- Intro to Aboriginal Education
- Using SMART Board Technology in the Classroom
- Sharing our Journeys
- Asian Heritage Month
- The Job Hunt
- In the Spirit of Humanity
- How to Stand Out in the Interview Process
- Being the Indispensable Substitute
- Current Issues in Education
- Early Years Numeracy
- Quantum Reality in Education
- Issues Impacting Immigrant Students
- Cultural Diversity and ESD
- Inclusion
- Constable Finney's Aboriginal Resource Review Committee
- Behaviour Management Strategies
- Teaching in the Canadian Context
- Classroom Management Strategies
- Resume Workshops
- Mentorship Meetings

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