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NL Education Foundation Provides \$50,000 for School-Based Innovative Projects

In support of the many inventive and dedicated educators throughout the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District, the Newfoundland and Labrador Education Foundation Inc. is pleased to announce the successful recipients of the **NL Educator's Innovation Awards and Grants Programs for 2016-17**.

"The choices to be made were certainly difficult, as each teacher put an amazing effort into their applications detailing some truly inspired projects," said Wayne Lee, Trustee and Chair of the Education Foundation. "The committee reviewed some great projects that sought to engage young learners through approaches including flexible classrooms, mental health awareness and mindfulness, 21st century technology and more, and the Education Foundation is pleased to provide support for the projects announced today."

Successful **NL Educator's Innovation Award** winners will receive \$2,500 to assist in the project's ongoing efforts and help further the work underway at the school. Recipient also commit to providing professional learning for fellow teachers.

Those successful in receiving an **NL Educator's Innovation Grant** will also receive a \$2,500 award to assist in starting or growing their fledgling innovation initiative and implementing it in their school. In addition to also committing to provide fellow teachers with a professional learning session, all Grants recipients will collaborate on an information paper to provide sound, evidence-based recommendations for innovation in education.

"This year, the Educator's Innovation Awards and Grants Program received 39 applications from all regions of the province spanning all levels of our K-12 system," said Tony Stack, CEO/Director of Education (Interim) for the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District. "Many of last year's awards and grants recipients have presented to our Board of Trustees, demonstrating the positive and innovative initiatives underway in our schools. I want to not only welcome this year's successful teachers but thank our previous recipients for their efforts and input. We look forward to working with you to continue to explore avenues of innovation in our education system."

More information on the successful projects can be found in the background below, with a project synopsis available on the Foundation's website – <https://www.nlesd.ca/foundation/>.

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English School District. Funding for projects such as the Innovation Awards and Grants Program and the Provincial Scholarships Program come from Foundation fundraising initiatives such as staff 50/50 raffles and donations.

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BACKGROUND Awards and Grants Recipients

NL Innovative Educator's Awards Recipients

- ✓ Brother Rice Junior High, St. John's (*Comfort Cove* - Angela Dawe & Mabel Nash)
- ✓ Crescent Collegiate, Blaketown (*Chromebooks & Google Classroom: A Powerful Synergy* - David Brothen)
- ✓ Elizabeth Park Elementary, Paradise (*Students Discovering Science and Technology* - Melissa Lee)
- ✓ Forest Park Primary, Grand Falls - Windsor (*KinderLiteracy* - Heather Hayley)
- ✓ Gander Academy, Gander (*Playing to Learn with Code: Preparing KG for Literacy in the 21st Century* - Annette Warren)
- ✓ Holy Spirit High School, Conception Bay South (*The Adoption of Inquiry-Based Science Teaching* - Jeffrey Locke and Patrick Wells)
- ✓ Holy Trinity Elementary, Torbay (*The Flexible Classroom* - Sara Barry)
- ✓ Larkhall Academy, St. John's (*Using Drone Technology to Collect Data Regarding Habitats* - Shane Fitzgerald and Krista Molloy)
- ✓ Menihek High School School, Labrador City (*Modernizing Technology Education: The sky's the limit!* - Matthew White)
- ✓ Newfoundland and Labrador Youth Center, Whitbourne (*Learning to Code at NLYC* - Matthew Thomey)

NL Innovative Educator's Grants Winners

- ✓ Ecole C.C. Loughlin Elementary, Corner Brook (*Bee-Bots Student Coding in the Primary Grades* - Brigitte White)





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- ✓ Ecole C.C. Loughlin Elementary, Corner Brook (*Mindfulness and 21st Century Learning* - Ashley Sheppard)
- ✓ Gander Elementary, Gander (*From Library to Learning Commons* - Naomi Young)
- ✓ J.R. Smallwood Middle School, Wabush (*Creation of a Greenspace* - Darryn Cramm)
- ✓ Mount Pearl Intermediate, Mount Pearl (*3-D Printing MakerSpace at MPI* - Kevin Andrews)
- ✓ Riverside Elementary, Clarenville (*Computer Literacy in the Elementary Classroom* - Jamie Loveless)
- ✓ St. Edward's Elementary, Conception Bay South (*We Are On the Ball - Coding at St. Edward's* - Annette Warford-King)
- ✓ St. Lawrence Academy, St. Lawrence (*Teaching Innovation Through STEM* - Elizabeth Cull)
- ✓ Vanier Elementary, St. John's (*How Robotics Helps Children Problem Solve* - Ashleigh Hudson)
- ✓ Villanova Junior High, Conception Bay South (*Elementary Coding and Robotics* - Megan Roome)

More information on the Educator's Innovation Awards and Grants Program and project synopses can be found on the NL Education Foundation website at <https://www.nlesd.ca/foundation/>.

