

# Move to Learn Outdoors Initiative

**A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR P-3 TEACHERS**



Dear Teachers,

We know how demanding your days are, and we deeply appreciate the incredible work you do for Nova Scotia's youngest learners. That's why we're thrilled to introduce the **Move to Learn Outdoors Initiative**, an exciting new opportunity designed specifically for **Primary to Grade 3 teachers** to enhance outdoor, science-based learning across Nova Scotia—and to enjoy a little break from the usual routine!

## Initiative Overview

The **Move to Learn Outdoors Initiative** is led by Hike Nova Scotia with the support of the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. It offers educators a unique opportunity to develop simple, science-curriculum-aligned outdoor activities that connect students with nature through active learning.

Participants will attend a series of **weekend workshops** from February to June 2025. These workshops will be led by **Mi'kmaw, environmental, and outdoor education experts**, fostering both professional growth and community connections.

During the second portion of the initiative, participants will collaborate to create outdoor learning activities linked to P-3 science curriculum outcomes, which will become part of an online resource available to all Nova Scotia P-3 teachers.

There are 18 spots available to teachers across the province from all Regional Centres for Education, the CSAP, and Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey.

## What's in it for you?

- **A unique professional development experience** focused on outdoor learning, Mi'kmaw ways of knowing, and accessibility and inclusion in the outdoors.
- **Honoraria:** \$250 per workshop day, plus a \$60 meal per diem.
- **Travel perks:** Mileage, accommodations (if you're coming from outside the region), and delicious snacks/lunch provided.
- A chance to **collaborate with other educators** while creating valuable resources for teachers across the province.
- **Weekend sessions** designed to feel more like a mini working holiday than extra work — held in Halifax and Truro, outdoors and indoors (in all weather).
- **Free resources and equipment** to assist with delivery of outdoor learning.

# Workshop Schedule

Workshop	Date	Weather Date	Location
Kickoff Workshop: Re-Connecting with Nature, Mi'kmaw Exploring Our Relationship with Wksitqamu (the Earth)	Feb. 1-2, 2025	Feb. 8-9, 2025	Halifax (TBD)
Inclusion & Accessibility in the Outdoors and Co-Design Workshop #1	Mar. 8-9, 2025	Mar. 29-30, 2025	Halifax (TBD)
Co-Design Workshop #2	Apr. 12, 2025	TBD	Halifax or Truro
Project Wrap-Up Workshop	June 28, 2025	TBD	Halifax or Truro

## Key Details

### Commitment:

- Four **mandatory weekend workshops** between February and June 2025 (schedule below).
- Create and submit at least **three outdoor learning activities** by June 30, 2025.  
Locations: Halifax and Truro.

### Compensation:

- \$250 per workshop day.
- \$60 meal per diem (outside of workshop hours).
- Mileage and accommodation (if required).

## How to Apply

Fill out the [application form](#) by **Friday, January 3, 2025**.

Selected participants will be notified by **Friday, January 10, 2025**.

## Questions?

Contact Britt Vegsund, Move to Learn Outdoors Project Lead, at [brittvegsund@hikenovascotia.ca](mailto:brittvegsund@hikenovascotia.ca).

We hope you'll consider this opportunity to grow professionally, connect with nature, and be part of something impactful for Nova Scotia's early learners.

