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| **Reception & Opening Keynote**  **8:00 – 9:30 a.m.** | |
| **Time:**  **8:00 – 8:30 a.m.**  **Room:**  **Patricia A Whalen Performance Hall** | **Morning Reception & Registration**  Join us to begin our conference celebration! |
| **Time:**  **8:30 – 9:30 a.m.**  **Room:**  **Patricia A Whalen Performance Hall** | **Trust Learning, Trust Children, Trust Yourself**  *Robyn Robertson (Honey! I’m Homeschooling the Kids Podcast Host / Trustee)*  Are you doubting yourself? Feeling less confident in your choice to homeschool? Feeling okay to be who you are?  Do you feel like you’re losing that connection with your kids?  Or are you ready to homeschool but are questioning your ability?  Wondering if you’re ruining your kids?  Many times life around us causes us to lose trust our abilities and what we many times feel is right, deep in our heart.  We are going to dive into ***when*** and ***why*** we lose trust. **W*hy*** it’s important to build it into our learning life. ***How*** to get it back if it’s lost and ***where*** we can once again find those rich learning opportunities around us. |

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| **Travel Time**  **9:30 – 9:40 a.m.** | |
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| **Session A**  **9:40 – 10:40 a.m.** | |
| **Time:**  **9:40 – 10:40 a.m.**  **Room:**  **Patricia A Whalen Performance Hall** | **Create and Motivate Readers – Tips, Tricks and Reading Games**  *Hanna Stroud (My Literacy Space)*  Come and join Hanna to learn tips and tricks that encourage your child to play with words.  You will learn about how to integrate a multisensory approach that will provide outstanding reading results, the necessary skills and strategies to include in your reading instruction, how to repurpose activities and games for decoding and encoding skills and also discover the sequence of skills to empower your readers. |
| **Time:**  **9:40 – 10:40 a.m**  **Room:**  **BMO Room** | **Homeschooling on a Budget**  *Risa Kawchuk & Ann-Marie Sparks (Willow Home Education)*  How to access great resources while keeping costs to a minimum.  Learn tips and tricks from Risa Kawchuk, a single homeschooling mother of two and Ann-Marie Sparks, a homeschooling mother of five. As homeschool parents, we learned to do more with less out of necessity. And in our work as home education managers, we learned countless more creative and frugal ideas from our hundreds of homeschool families. This talk will cover resources for all ages, whether you’re just starting out or tackling high school. Handouts will be provided.  Great internet resources for grades 1-12 and beyond.  Community resources  How to find deals online  Local businesses that offer homeschool discounts  Tips on tracking receipts so you are organized come resource claim time. |
| **Time:**  **9:40 – 10:40 a.m.**  **Room:**  **Room 1** | **Math Ease – Math as Easy as 1 -2 -3**  *Monica Truong (Chinook Free Learners Cooperative)*  An introduction to the Mortensen Math method covering the five basic concepts that are needed to do all math from K-12. This will be a hands-on, experimental workshop on how to use base 10 blocks to make abstract math concepts ‘visually obvious’ – to demonstrate that, from basic operations like addition to more advanced math like algebra and trigonometry, ALL are simply enough for a young child to understand if it is presented in a concrete manner. |
| **Time:**  **9:40 – 10:40 a.m**  **Room:**  **Room 2** | **Networking Lounge**  Visit with other home educators in our Networking Lounge. Grab a coffee, sit and relax. |

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| **Travel Time**  **10:40 – 10:50 a.m.** | |
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| **Session B**  **10:50 – 11:50 a.m.** | |
| **Time:**  **10:50 – 11:50 a.m.**  **Room:**  **Patricia A Whalen Performance Hall** | **Self-Directed Learning From The Trenches**  *Sarah Atkinson & Monica Truong (Chinook Free Learners Cooperative)*  What do intrinsic motivation, play, exploration, imagination, conflict, mistakes, boredom, and fascination have in common? They are the foundations of self-directed learning. What do critical thinking, problem solving, resilient mental health and empathy all have in common? They are the results of self-directed learning.  There is a growing evidence base that humans learn best through self-directed PLAY. Come to this interactive workshop and get an overview of the fascinating research behind self-directed learning. Hear about how to troubleshoot bad days, address your own worries and anxieties about the future, and navigate learning from playschool through university and beyond. Find out how self-directed learners thrive in their pursuits and studies in adulthood. Connect with resources to support you on this journey. Have a laugh. Make a new friend. This is Self-Directed Learning From The Trenches. |
| **Time:**  **10:50 – 11:50 a.m**  **Room:**  **BMO Room** | **Identifying the Value in Open Ended Learning.**  *Michelle Goulet (Wild Child Alternative Education & Inspired Co-Founder)*  Curriculum without goals, guides and outcomes can be intimidating. It can just look like a mess, chaos or undirected potential. We will dive into why open ended, inquiry and experimental play in learning is important. How to see the value in the process and how to guide the process to work on skills. We will share a hands-on activity to explore and identify how we can use open ended activities to identify strengths, build on skills and get comfortable in creativity. |
| **Time:**  **10:50 – 11:50 a.m.**  **Room:**  **Room 1** | **From School to Deschool to Cool: The first transition is one of mindset, and other beginning homeschool challenges.**  *Samantha MacLeod (Homelearning Advocacy and Support Association of Alberta (formerly AHEPS)) and Lyndsay Prasad (Teacher Turned Homeschooler)*  This presentation will discuss the deschooling process -- what it is, and why it's important for both parents and children. We will examine the differences between school and homeschool, and how the deschooling process can help with the transition from one to the other. As well, we will offer practical information on what to expect during your first year of homeschooling and provide resources that will help you create a thriving homeschool environment. |
| **Time:**  **10:50 – 11:50 a.m**  **Room:**  **Room 2** | **Networking Lounge**  Do you want to know more how homeschooling works in Alberta? We have facilitators available for you to informally ask your questions and get a deeper understanding of what you are responsible for as a provider of your child’s learning plan. |

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| **LUNCH** | |
| **Time:**  **11:50 – 1:00 p.m.**  **Lunch is NOT provided.** | **Lunch Hour**  Visit the East Village and satiate your taste buds! Or pack a lunch and visit with new and old friends while you browse what the library has to offer. |

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| **Session C**  **1:00 – 2:00 p.m.** | |
| **Time:**  **1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**  **Room:**  **Patricia A Whalen Performance Hall** | **Self-Taught Screening**  “Through the stories of six extraordinary individuals, *Self-Taught* explores what self-directed education means to them and the impact it has had on their lives, ambitions, work and beliefs.  Whether Artist, Scientist, or Entrepreneur, they all have one thing in common: their belief that a true education is the capacity to author your own life instead of merely accepting the one you’ve been handed.”  See <https://www.selftaughtmovie.com> |
| **Time:**  **1:00 – 2:00 p.m**  **Room:**  **Room 2** | **Networking Lounge**  Visit with other home educators in our Networking Lounge. Grab a coffee, sit and relax. |

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| **Session D**  **2:15 – 3:15 p.m.** | |
| **Time:**  **2:00 – 2:30 p.m.**  **Room:**  **Patricia A Whalen Performance Hall** | **Self-Taught Panel Discussion**  *Panel TBA*  *Join us after the screening to discuss how you can also bring self-taught education to your homeschool.* |
| **Time:**  **2:00 – 2:30 p.m**  **Room:**  **Room 2** | **Networking Lounge**  Have questions for the *Homelearning Advocacy and Support Association of Alberta (formerly AHEPS)?* Meet with Kirstie McLeod to understand what the association provides for home educators of Alberta, as well as how you can get involved. |

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| **Session E**  **2:40 – 3:40 p.m.** | |
| **Time:**  **2:40 – 3:40 p.m.**  **Room:**  **Patricia A Whalen Performance Hall** | **Making Your Interests Fit the Curriculum**  *Mandi Sharkey (EPIC Consulting –Learning Coordinator for E2@home)*  When kids are interested in things, we want them to pursue them. But what about curriculum? Well there are a few ways to show off a particular interest to your facilitator and ensure you are hitting areas of curriculum you may have not considered before. In this question and answer session, Mandi will help you get into the groove of matching curriculum to your child’s interests. |
| **Time:**  **2:40 – 3:10 p.m.**  **Room:**  **BMO Room** | **Traditional vs. School-Directed. Pros and Cons.**  *Kirstie McLeod (Homelearning Advocacy and Support Association of Alberta (formerly AHEPS))*  This 30-minute workshop will explore the differences between the traditional (also called parent-directed) and school directed options for homeschooling in Alberta. It will include some discussion of the often misunderstood terms ‘distance learning’ and ‘distributed learning’. |
| **Time:**  **2:40 –3:10 p.m**  **Room:**  **Room 1** | **Planning, Organizing, Reporting…how to do it all.**  *Alisha Brignall (Inspired Founder)*  Wondering how to do it all? Join Alisha Brignall founder of Inspired as she guides you through the process of planning your homeschool year. No matter your pedagogy you need to have an idea of where you are going to make your year the best that it can be. Discussions on different planners, scheduling types, and how to tie it all to the Alberta Program of Studies will be discussed. A workshop for the new to home education families. |
| **Time:**  **3:10 – 3:40 p.m.**  **Room:**  **BMO** | **Secular Curriculum Resources.**  *Kirstie McLeod (Homelearning Advocacy and Support Association of Alberta (formerly AHEPS))*  This 30-minute workshop will include a printed list of suggested resources and a discussion of online, printed, and interactive options. Participants are encouraged to bring their own list of favoured resources, so that we can all learn from each other, as well. Focus will be on Science and Math curriculums, but other subjects will be discussed if there is interest. |
| **Time:**  **3:10 – 3:40 p.m.**  **Room:**  **Room 1** | **Different Ways of Reporting**  *Alisha Brignall (Inspired Founder)*  There are many different ways that you can report your home education to your chosen school authority. Join Inspired Founder Alisha Brignall as she provides options that will make any home education manager / facilitator grin. This workshop is intended to be interactive so please bring your own suggestions if you have a method that has worked well for your family. |
| **Time:**  **2:40 – 3:40 p.m.**  **Room:**  **Room 2** | **Networking Lounge**  Visit with other home educators in our Networking Lounge. Grab a coffee, sit and relax. |

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| **Session F**  **3:50 – 4:50 p.m.** | |
| **Time:**  **3:50 – 4:50 p.m.**  **Room:**  **Patricia A Whalen Performance Hall** | **Behaviour is Communication**  *Mandi Sharkey (EPIC Consulting – Learning Coordinator for E2@home)*  Understanding that behaviour is communication can be key to understanding difficulties or distressed behaviours that appear in your environment. Learning different things behaviour can communicate can be complicated, but learning to look for it, ask about it and collaborate proactively to solve it is key. |
| **Time:**  **3:50 –4:50 p.m**  **Room:**  **BMO Room** | **Five Keys to Developing a Writing Habit**  *Marina Gabor (Summit Writing Academy)*  ***Helping reluctant writers develop powerful writing habits that can change their future.***  Even people who do not think of themselves as writers understand the importance of writing to their careers. More than 90% of mid-career professionals recently cited the “need to write effectively” as a skill “of great importance” in their day-to-day work...fields like engineering emphasize the written materials...that are essential by-products of technical work.   The reward of disciplined writing is the most valuable job attribute of all: **a mind equipped to think.**  Writing today is not a frill for the few, but an essential skill for the many.  Nobel Prize winner and best-selling author of *Thinking Fast and Slow*, Daniel Kahneman’s recommended first step for making better decisions: buy a notebook.  **Deliberate practice is the key to becoming a strong writer.**  This method of skill development involves:   1. effortful exertion to improve performance 2. intrinsic motivation to engage in the task 3. practice tasks that are within reach of the individual's current level of ability 4. feedback that provides knowledge of results 5. high levels of repetition   **How do you help a reluctant writer develop powerful writing habits that can change their career / life / future ? Come find out!** |
| **Time:**  **3:50 – 4:50 p.m.**  **Room:**  **Room 1** | **Developing Young Entrepreneurs and Running a Children’s Business Fair**  *Stacey Piercey (IT Entrepreneur)*  So your child wants to put up a lemonade stand. This seems like a pretty typical childhood activity and yet it’s that first business venture that can spark a whole world of discovery.  Come walk through how to encourage your young entrepreneurs from idea generation through to product sales and potential markets with easily accessible online resources. Handouts and examples will be provided.  Children are all budding entrepreneurs with some amazing ideas! Stacey will share her experience teaching entrepreneurship with CBE Homeschooling and how to put on a children’s business fair with little resources. |
| **Time:**  **3:50 – 4:50 p.m.**  **Room:**  **Room 2** | **Networking Lounge**  Visit with other home educators in our networking lounge. Grab a coffee, sit and relax. |

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| **Wrap Up & Door Prizes**  **5:00 – 5:30 p.m.** | |
| **Time:**  **5:00 – 5:30 p.m.**  **Room:**  **Patricia A Whalen Performance Hall** | **Wrap Up & Door Prizes**  Join us for our door prize draws and leave Inspired! |