

SHOULDER TAPPERS

Career Development, Work Experience & Skilled Trades

For the third year, **Herb Krul** and **Sean Engbers** will be assisting BC's Independent Schools as [Career Development, Work Experience, and Skilled Trades Ministry of Education Shoulder Tappers](#). They hope to:

- Increase awareness and build capacity in the Industry Training Authority of BC's programs such as Youth Work in Trades (*formerly Secondary Apprenticeship*), Youth Explore Trades, Youth Train in Trades, Maker Day/Maker Way, Skills Exploration courses, etc.
- Provide practical strategies for implementation and support of the above programs.
- Build capacity in schools for students to "explore", "experience", and "develop mentorships" (as suggested by the MoE's Career Education 10-12 curriculum).
- Provide practical strategies for implementation and support of Work Experience and Internship Programs.
- Provide schools with the tools to assist students' preparation of Capstone Projects to reflect on Work Experiences, Career Exploration, and Community Service.

Herb and Sean welcome invitations to meet with schools.

Of particular note are the upcoming Regional Shoulder Tapper Events:

- Victoria | October 10
- Dawson Creek, Fort St John, Chetwynd | week of December 11-14
- Prince George | week of December 11-14
- Smithers, Bulkley Valley, Houston | week of December 11-14
- Lower Mainland, Vancouver, Fraser Valley | November 24
- Independent First Nations Schools | week of April 3-6

***More details forthcoming.*

Herb and Sean would like to draw your attention to two additional special events:

1. The annual [Career Education Society Convention](#) - November 20 and 21 at the River Rock Casino in Richmond. Please visit <http://ces.bc.ca> for description and registration details.
2. Lower Mainland & Fraser Valley [Maker Day Event](#) - November 24 at Surrey Christian School. The ITABC website explains, "A Maker Day...is a facilitated event that requires participants to thoughtfully and fully engage in design thinking and creative problem finding and experience hands-on activities". This full day event is intended to equip teachers to bring Maker learning back to their schools. Register as soon as details are released on the eBoard and through FISA as it will fill up fast!

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