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## TWO-EYED SEEING

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*“Two-eyed seeing is the gift of multiple perspectives treasured by many aboriginal peoples and explains that it refers to learning to see from one eye with the strengths of indigenous knowledge and ways of knowing, and from the other eye with the strengths of western knowledge and ways of knowing, and to using both these eyes together, for the benefit of all.”*

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The Canadian Teachers’ Federation (CTF/FCE) is committed to implement the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action, and specifically calls #62 – 65 which are directed towards the education sector. Call #62ii asks us “to integrate Indigenous knowledge and teaching methods into classrooms.”<sup>1</sup> The lessons within the CTF/FCE resource, Youth Defenders for Human Rights in Canada, have been developed to support the teachings of the Medicine Wheel as well as the concept of “Two-Eyed Seeing”, or as it is said in Mi’kmaq, Etuaptmumk.

Two-Eyed Seeing is more than a philosophy but rather a guiding principle around how we can live on this earth. Elder Albert Marshall describes it as “learning to see from one eye with the strengths of Indigenous knowledge and ways of knowing, and from the other eye with the strengths of Western knowledges and ways of knowing and learning to use both of these eyes together for the benefit of all.” First coined over 25 years ago by Elder Albert Marshall, two-eyed seeing refers to our ability to integrate multiple perspectives as part of our way of acting.

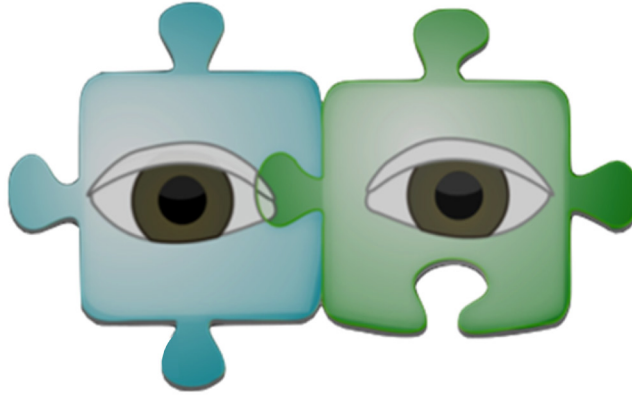
The benefits to use “Two-Eyed seeing” in the curriculum:

- It blends both western knowledge and traditional knowledge.
- It acknowledges the strengths of both systems of learning.
- It supports using knowledge to improve the relationship with the land.

This concept has been embraced by various agencies nationally and internationally as a new way forward. As Elder Marshall says, we can use western knowledge and skills along with Indigenous knowledge and practices, so we do not compromise the ecological integrity of the earth or the cleansing capacity of the system. Introducing youth to this idea encourages them to live in a sustainable way and to re-establish a connection with the natural world.

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<sup>1</sup> [Education for reconciliation](#)



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**To explore this concept further, the following links may be useful:**

- [Albert Marshall | Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources](#)
- [Two-Eyed Seeing – Elder Albert Marshall's guiding principle for inter-cultural collaboration](#)
- [2019 Global Symposium – Albert Marshall – Two-Eyed Seeing](#)
- [Etuaptmunk: Two-Eyed Seeing | Rebecca Thomas | TEDxNSCCWaterfront](#)

