

Heidi Lessman

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ORGANIZATIONAL, PLANNING AND SUPERVISION SKILLS

- Have a Geography and Natural Resource Management Degree, a Bachelor of Education and a BC Teaching Certificate
- Responsible for Environmental Education, community outreach, designed a volunteer management plan and supervised several contracts for BC Parks in Squamish
- Worked as a Classroom Teacher, Outreach Teacher and Outdoor/Experiential Ed Teacher
- Delivered Waste Management Strategy Workshops, provided public information at Environmental Fairs and conducted research for future waste management strategies for the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
- Helped plan and deliver an International Conference on Sustainability for 400 delegates
- Ran the Global Issues and Sustainability Action Club at Collingwood School
- Created and led many international and local service projects and student service trips
- Researched environmental issues related to Water Resources, designed environmental mitigations with special consideration to fisheries, wrote EIA Reports, and presented my findings and gave recommendations monthly to the Yukon Territory Water Board
- Performed research, delivered interviews and co-authored a Science Council of BC report on Sustainable Tourism Development Planning and Collaboration in the Robson Valley
- Responsible for public participation process and workshop delivery for BC's Park Legacy Project – to decide about the future management of BC's provincial parks

INTER-PERSONAL AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS

- Completed Associate Level Orton Gillingham Training for students with Learning Disabilities
- Completed a government run mediation and facilitation training course
- Diplomatic dealing with parents, community groups and government agencies
- Experienced in working with people as a guide, instructor, leader and coordinator
- Good Knowledge of the BC Curriculum for Grades 6-10, all subjects
- Experience Writing IEP's and Modifying Curriculum and Designing Accommodations for students with Learning Disabilities
- Experience Teaching Orton Gillingham techniques as well as teaching Learning Strategies for students who struggle with Reading, Writing, Math, Study Skills and Work Habits
- Experience working with committees on Community Plans and Environmental Goals

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2015- Present** **Teacher On Call, North Vancouver School District and the Cheakamus Learning Centre**
Brackendale, BC
- 2015- Present** **TOC and Middle School Science, English, Learning Strategies Teacher, School District 48**
Squamish, BC
- 2013- 2015** **Grade 7-10 Math, Science, PE, Social Studies, Art Teacher and Coordinator of Experiential, Environmental and Outdoor Education, Coast Mountain Academy**
Squamish, BC
- 2012- 2014** **Zero Waste Education Coordinator and Educator, Delivered workshops and Enviro Ed Resources, Events and Ideas to all school from Squamish to Lillooet, SLRD**
Squamish, BC
- 2003- 2011** **Outdoor and Experiential Education Teacher, Coordinator of Leadership, Service and Sustainability Projects, Collingwood School**
West Vancouver, BC

- 2009-2010 Special Education, Orton Gillingham and Social Studies 8 Teacher with the Key Program, Grades 6-9, Collingwood School**
West Vancouver, BC
- 2008 August Experiential Science and Leadership Teacher with Students on Ice**
Baffin Island, Nunavut
- 2001-03 Science, Tourism, Social Studies, English and Outreach Teacher, School District #48**
Pemberton and Squamish, BC
- 2001-03 Outdoor/Environmental Education Teacher for Sea to Sky School for Sustainability**
Keates Island, BC
- 2002-03 4R Educator, Squamish Lillooet Regional District**
Squamish, Whistler and Pemberton, BC
- 1999-03 Naturalist/Hiking Guide, Whistler Nature Tours**
Whistler, BC
- 1999-00 Experiential Science Teacher and Outdoor Education Teacher, Yukon Territorial Gov't**
Whitehorse, YT
- 1999 Environmental Assessment/Licensing Officer, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Canada, Yukon Territory Water Board**
Whitehorse, YT
- 1998 Research Assistant, University of Northern BC**
Robson Valley, BC
- 1998 Park Interpreter and Hiking Guide, BC Parks**
Mt. Robson Provincial Park and World Heritage Site, BC
- 1997-98 Acting Extension Officer, BC Parks- Garibaldi/ Sunshine Coast District**
Squamish, BC

EDUCATION

- 2010: Blekinge Institute of Sweden
Post Graduate Certificate in Introduction to Strategic Sustainable Development
- 2010: SFU Imaginative Education Research Group
Imaginative Education Training Course and Learning in Depth Program
- 2009: International Dyslexia Association HIDA
Orton-Gillingham Training Associate Level
- 2003: Wild BC
Climate Change Education Program
- 2000-2001: University of British Columbia
Bachelor of Education (August 2001)
Middle Years Option, Socials Studies as a teaching concentration
- 1995-1997: University of Northern British Columbia
Bachelor of Arts (April 1997)
Geography major and Resource Recreation/Tourism minor in the Department of Natural Resources
- 1993-1995: Simon Fraser University
Studied Kinesiology, French, English and Geography
- Summer 1995: Universite du Quebec a Chicoutimi

Certificates: Advanced Wilderness First Aid, Class IV Driver's License, Sea Kayak Guide Level 2, Canoe Level 4, Avalanche Skills Training Level 2, NLS