

MEDIA ADVISORY

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## MATAWA EDUCATION HOSTS 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN ADVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

**THUNDER BAY, ON:** Matawa Education will host the 17th annual Matawa Education Conference from March 5 to 7 at the Valhalla Inn Hotel in the traditional territory of Fort William First Nation. The theme is: Courage and Resilience: A Pathway Forward - Zoongide'enh (Courage), Achi Zagoochtooyin (and Resilience), Azhi Bimoseyin (A Pathway Forward).

Professional learning and networking opportunities will be provided for remote First Nations elementary and secondary educators and administrative staff. This year, in recognition of International Women's Day, prominent women who have made significant strides in various fields including education, business, advocacy and community development will be highlighted. [Adrianna Douglas-Bear](#) will be providing the keynote on March 6, 2024, and [Ellen Gabriel](#) will be providing the keynote on March 7, 2024.

Members of the media are cordially invited to attend. The conference programme, including agenda, is available [here](#). The opening ceremony and both keynotes will be livestreamed [here](#).

**Date:** Wednesday, March 6, 2024  
**Location:** Valhalla Inn Hotel Ballroom  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

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