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Peace in the classroom the focus of NSTU conference

Equity, peace and social justice will be front and centre when more than 150 Nova Scotia educators converge at the *Peace...ing it Together* conference beginning this Thursday at the Delta Halifax. The conference will look at ways to promote peace in classrooms, on campuses and in communities.

Peace...ing it Together is organized by the Nova Scotia Teachers Union and will recognize the importance of the three themes of equity, social justice and peace.

"This conference couldn't come at a better time," says NSTU president Alexis Allen. "Between recent cases of cyber-bullying and violent world conflicts, this conference will give our educators strategies and information to help them answer tough questions in the classroom."

The keynote speaker for the conference is Dr. Samantha Nutt, Founder and Executive Director of War Child Canada. She is a medical doctor with more than 15 years of experience helping children in war zones including Iraq, Afghanistan, Sierra Leone and Somalia. Her stories inspire others to make a difference in the lives of those affected by war.

"The conference will present delegates with interactive, motivational and relevant sessions," says Allen. "Our objective is to have attendees gain deeper insight and understanding, plus additional creative ideas, to support peace in their respective schools and communities."

The conference begins Thursday evening, April 7, 2011 and ends Saturday, April 9, 2011 at noon. It will feature workshops including *How to Tame a Bully*, *Creating a Climate of Peace in your School* and *Digital Citizens – Appropriate Online Behaviour*.

"We have drawn conference speakers from among the many exceptional educational leaders in our provincial classrooms—colleagues who have proven talent and expertise, and colleagues eager to share resources and strategies to address the needs of students at every age and education level," says Allen.

For a complete list of workshops and further details, please visit the NSTU website at www.nstu.ca.

The Nova Scotia Teachers Union represents 10,900 public school teachers in Nova Scotia and Community College faculty and professional support staff. Organized in 1895, its programs are directed towards improving the quality of public education in Nova Scotia.

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