

Virtual Ethics Café Presents:

EDUCATION IN A TIME OF UNCERTAINTY

Welcome to the Manitoba Association for Rights and Liberties ethics café. We would like to address some issues exploring the theme of education in this café. The Ethics Café is an inclusive community dialogue, asking you to join the discussion on today's most difficult questions. Open to everybody. No answer prep is necessary, and how you choose to participate in the discussion is up to you!

Date: November 26th

Time: 7:00pm

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98490927502>

Password: marlcafe

Event registration: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/ethics-cafe-education-in-a-time-of-uncertainty-tickets-128883019581>

Preparation for the Evening

- If you have not used zoom before download the app and come on 10 minutes early so that we can test your video and audio.
- Close any other windows on your browser.
- Be sure to not have any bright lights behind you and be conscious your background.

During the Meeting

- Mute your speaker unless you are speaking.
- You will be placed in small groups of 4-6 to discuss each of the questions. The groups will be the same throughout the evening.
- There may be some disruption with screens freezing, please be patient.



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Agenda

1. Introductions and meeting procedure
2. Question 1: Introduced | Small group discussion | Large group discussion
 - *Should the federal government set national standards for education or should they be decided at a lower level -- by provinces, cities, First Nations?*
 - *Is it the same for every subject? Who should be responsible for funding? Why?*
3. Question 2: Introduced | Small group discussion | Large group discussion
 - *How should teachers address students who hold views that may be based on misinformation or conspiracy theories?*
 - *To what extent should teachers tolerate, accept, or even celebrate the diversity of viewpoints in the classroom, when some of these views may be contrary to known facts or accepted science?*
 - *On what basis, if any, should they limit viewpoint diversity?*
4. Question 3: Introduced | Small group discussion | Large group discussion
 - *How do we balance the need to respect the privacy of both teachers and students, on the one hand, and the need to keep students motivated and engaged in learning during the pandemic, on the other?*
 - *Should teachers' behaviour outside the classroom affect how we see them as teachers?*
 - *Under what circumstances?*
5. Closing

After the meeting

- Thank you for participating in our first Virtual Ethics Café
- Should we schedule this event on a regular basis?
- We would appreciate your feedback by following the link to answer 5 questions about the event: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YPJDK2G>