

Dr. Elin Kelsey Series

SD71 is excited to invite Dr. Elin Kelsey back for a timely three part supportive series that encompasses **Covid-19 pandemic, climate change, social injustice and inequity, wildfires** and a host of other critical issues.

A Three Part Series- each session will build and evolve from the emerging conversation from the session previous.

Note: Due to limitations of in-person gatherings, the series will be offered as a hybrid in- person/virtual setting. **Limited in-person spaces will be on a first come first serve bases.** Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Focus Group: Middle School to High School Teachers
(support staff & admin welcome too)

Session 1

Date: October 22nd, 2020

Time: 4 pm- 6 pm- *local individualized snacks provided for in-person attendees*

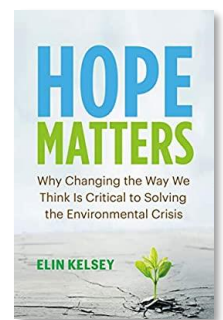
Location: Mark R. Isfeld, MPR

Session 2 – January 7th, 2021

Session 3 – April 8th, 2021

Why this Pro-D opportunity now?

Elin Kelsey is a scholar, public speaker, educator and award-winning author of books for adults and children. Her work focuses on hope and solutions orientations to the global issues of our time. Jane Goodall was so impressed with the evidence-based approach Elin brings to newest book, [*Hope Matters: Why Changing the Way We Think is Critical to Solving the Environmental Crisis*](#), that she has invited Elin to bring a solutions orientation to the work of the Jane Goodall Institute. Earlier this month, Elin was selected as a finalist for the national [*Nature Inspiration Award*](#) which will be announced in November 2020. Many of our students and staff are feeling overwhelmed, demoralized and hopeless in the face of the **Covid-19 pandemic, climate change, social injustice and inequity, wildfires and a host of other critical issues**. Elin will work with our staff to explore how to bring a solutions orientation to teaching about the Covid-19 pandemic, climate change, and other critical issues. She will discuss the rise of eco-anxiety and headline stress disorder, and the health and emotional wellbeing implications of the “doom and gloom” narrative that is perpetuated by the 24/7 media cycle. She will share current research behind why hope, rather than fear is vital for student and staff empowerment and agency, and why it is a more effective means for engaging students in these high priority societal issues.





Please register for the first session through **Serina Allison**, Environmental and Outdoor Learning District Teacher (serina.allison@sd71.bc.ca).

In your **RSVP** please include the following:

Name:

School:

Grade / or position in school:

Contact info:

In person (limited to 25 seats-*first come first serve*) **OR** virtual participation:

Registering for first session only:

Registering for all three sessions: