

SOGI 1 2 3 Backgrounder

SOGI 1 2 3 was created by ARC Foundation, a private foundation based in Vancouver, BC with virtual teams in other provinces. The Executive Director of ARC Foundation is Brad Beattie.

What does SOGI mean?

SOGI stands for Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity. It is an inclusive term that encompasses all individuals regardless of where they identify on the sexual orientation or gender identity spectrums, as every person has a sexual orientation and every person has a gender identity. It includes lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-spirit, heterosexual, cisgender and more. SOGI is pronounced “so-gee.”

What is SOGI 1 2 3?

SOGI 1 2 3 shares proven SOGI-inclusive tools and resources in three key areas: SOGI 1 policies and procedures, SOGI 2 inclusive environments, SOGI 3 curriculum resources. When all three pillars of SOGI-inclusive education are implemented, students have the opportunity to flourish.

Inclusive learning involves every part of the education system; SOGI 1 2 3 supports educators in building inclusive classrooms as all students deserve to feel safe, included and empowered.

Who is behind SOGI 1 2 3?

SOGI 1 2 3 is led by ARC Foundation in collaboration with the BC Ministry of Education, BC Teachers’ Federation, school districts across BC, UBC Faculty of Education, education partners and various local, national and international LGBTQ community organizations.

What is SOGleducation.org?

SOGleducation.org removes barriers to SOGI-inclusive education by providing readily accessible resources such as grade-level appropriate lesson plans, customizable templates and professional development. The tools and resources on SOGleducation.org are intended for educators, but can be utilized as a resource by parents and other members of the community.

What are SOGI 1 2 3 Learning Modules?

SOGI 1 2 3 Learning Modules are customizable and engaging resources for educators which move the ‘why’ of SOGI-inclusive education to the ‘how’. SOGI 1 2 3 Learning Modules are 40 minutes in length and include discussion topics, videos and workshops for educators to present at staff meetings, lunch and learns or professional development days.

How does SOGI 1 2 3 work with the BC curriculum?

The Ministry of Education is responsible for the creation of BC curriculum. SOGI 1 2 3 provides ready to use, grade-level SOGI-inclusive lesson plans that align with the curriculum. Teachers can differentiate SOGI 1 2 3 lesson plans to meet the needs of their classroom.

What is the SOGI Educator Network?

ARC Foundation launched the BC SOGI Educator Network as a pilot project with nine school districts at the beginning of the 2016/2017 school year. The Network enables BC educators interested in SOGI-inclusive education to meet, share resources, celebrate successes and collectively overcome obstacles within and across districts. In one year, the BC SOGI Educator Network has grown from 9 school districts to 49 out of 60.

SOGI 1 2 3 launched in Alberta in 2017/18. The Alberta SOGI Educator Network includes three school districts. Resources for Alberta educators will grow and evolve as participation and support increases.

Additional Information

For further information about the work of ARC Foundation, please visit our website at www.arcfoundation.ca. Further information about SOGI 1 2 3 and the Alberta and BC SOGI Educator Network can be found at www.sogieducation.org.