

# Professional Opportunity in Bhutan



Are you interested in an **amazing** opportunity to learn and grow professionally and personally? Have you been thinking that you would like to try something different – yet have the security of being able to return to your job? Then a PIF opportunity such as this, may be of interest to you!

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## **Gross National Happiness and Education: Implications and Learnings for Bhutan, Canada and the World**

The Kingdom of Bhutan is known worldwide for its unique and progressive approach to the development of its economy and society. Instead of measuring Gross National Product, as do most countries around the world, Bhutan has chosen instead to measure Gross National Happiness. Gross National Happiness centers around four pillars, Sustainable Development, Preservation & Promotion of Culture, Conservation of Environment, and Good Governance. Education has been identified as the path to achieving success in all four of these pillars. As a result, Gross National Happiness is now actively being integrated into curriculum in both primary and secondary schools. It is the government's intent for Bhutan's entire educational system to effectively cultivate GNH principles and values, including deep critical and creative thinking, ecological literacy, practice of the country's profound, ancient wisdom and culture, contemplative learning, a holistic understanding of the world, genuine care for nature and for others, competency to deal effectively with the modern world, preparation for right livelihood, and informed civic engagement.

Teachers participating in the PIF program in Bhutan will have the chance to observe the implementation of these principles and ideas first hand. Teachers would be involved in the creation of their school's plan to implement GNH, as well as in the monitoring of pre-established success indicators. They will also receive training on Gross National Happiness and its use in the classroom. Teachers will work closely with students, colleagues and administrators, the experience of which they can use to develop a deeper understanding of Gross National Happiness in education and its potential links to the education in Canada.

Because schools in Bhutan are quite scattered and often in isolated communities there is also a need for sharing professional development experiences with colleagues. PIF teachers will have the opportunity to engage in professional development opportunities and would be encouraged to lead their own sessions and spearhead development in areas where they can contribute their expertise.

PIF teachers would receive a local Bhutanese teaching salary, along with on the ground support from our office in Thimphu. Communication and engagement with the Ministry of Education can also be arranged through this local office.

For more information on GNH and education you can visit the newly launched, Educating for Gross National Happiness website at <http://www.educatingforgnh.com/Home.aspx>