

**RE: Elin Kelsey Lecture at TRU**

April 6, 2022

7:00-9:00 pm (Public Lecture)

Mountain Room at TRU

Dear Kamloops Climate and Social Justice Leaders,

You're invited to take part in Elin Kelsey's visit to TRU on April 6, 2022, *Hope Matters: A Climate Action Event*.

Dr. Kelsey is an environmental scholar at the University of Victoria who researches evidence-based hope, a successful children's writer, and world-renowned climate activist  
<https://www.elinkelsey.org/>.

Dr. Kelsey's guest lectures are sponsored by the TRU Faculty of Arts and are being offered as an experiential component of ENGL 4770 Pathways to Hope and Resilience. Students are exploring climate narratives through the lens of Kelsey's 2020 publication *Hope Matters: Why Changing the Way We Think Is Critical to Solving the Environmental Crisis*. Her book is a truly inspiring as well as action-oriented approach to our future.

In my class, we are investigating the understanding of "hope" as a verb which entails action and service to others. Students are working on community engagement projects on a range of social justice issues for the end of the semester which will culminate in a Day of Hope and Resilience public showcase on the TRU campus. Dr. Kelsey's lecture will be a highlight of this event.

Of course, we'll be monitoring the COVID situation and following the COVID protocols.

Please share this invitation and poster widely with your groups, and we hope that you'll be able to join us for the event.

Sincerely,



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