



PHE Saskatchewan
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THEME: Pathways For Healthy School Communities

KEYNOTE:
Dr. Deana Leahy



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Deana is an Associate Professor within the Faculty of Education at Monash University, Australia. Her research is interdisciplinary and critically examines health education from policy formations to their translations into everyday health education pedagogies. Whilst her work has a strong school-based focus, she also explores the learning

affordances of other spaces that seek to teach us something about health, including museums and exhibitions, festivals, and various digital technology platforms. A key focus of Deana's work overtime has been to highlight the ways in which versions of health education reproduce problematic and limited understandings about health. More recently, Deana has been working with VicHealth¹ and a range of other health promotion and education agencies to co-design new models of health education that seek to remedy some of the critiques that have emerged over time.

Deana currently serves on the editorial boards of *Health Education Journal* and *Health Education* and is co-convenor of the CHESS group (Critical Health Education Studies). She is co-editor of the Routledge Book Series *Critical Studies of Health and Education*. Additionally, she is a co-convenor of the European Education Research Association's Research Network 8 - Research in Health Education group and the Pacific School Health Network. Deana is also a member of the International Scientific Committee of the new UNESCO Chair for Global Health and Education.

PHE Saskatchewan is beyond excited to have Dr. Leahy be our keynote speaker at our 2025 provincial conference! (And Dr Leahy is beyond excited to have been invited)

¹ [VicHealth](#) is the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation and responsible for health promotion in the state of Victoria.