

# Long-term vision for B.C. the goal of SFU project

## Trends in education, demographics to be part of discussion

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Over the next 30 years, immigrants are expected to contribute 64 per cent of B.C.'s population gain. Should most students be learning Mandarin or Hindi instead of French?

By 2013, 70 per cent of B.C. jobs are projected to require post secondary education. Are schools adapting to the changing labour market?

Is that even their role?

These are a few questions some of the province's leading minds will begin discussing Sunday night on Bowen Island.

The conversation kicks off this year's Imagine B.C. dialogues, a Simon Fraser University-sponsored project focused on creating a long-term vision for the province.

Facilitator Tony Penikett said the project provides a rare opportunity to look at the big picture.

"Most political leaders have a three or four year political horizon," he said. "Most businesses, at best, look 10 years in the future."