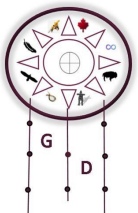


Fundamentals of Success: Women Leading to Inspire, Transform, Connect and Unite

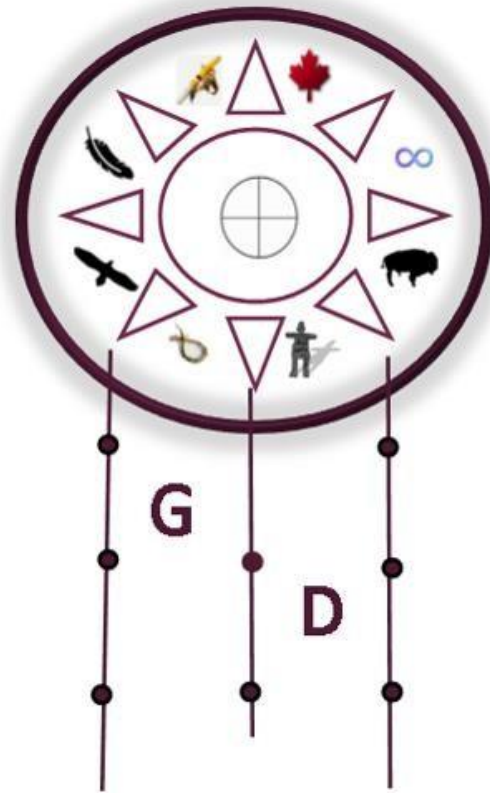
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Welcome and Introduction



Panelists



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Moderator

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With over 25 years of experience in education, Elaine is a literacy specialist as well as a workplace learning specialist, facilitator, trainer and a recipient of a Lifetime Achievement award for her outstanding contributions to the field of literacy. Elaine is currently Executive Director of the Further Education Society (FESA).

Elaine has extensive experience working with isolated and remote Indigenous communities and providing mentoring and facilitator training for community workers. Elaine is honored to be the recipient of the 2017 Chief David Crowchild Memorial Award presented by the City of Calgary. This award recognizes and celebrates her work in Indigenous communities and her efforts to build cultural understanding between Non-Indigenous and Indigenous people.

“I believe that improved learning leads to improved lives and with hard work, passion and dedication, we can bring literacy and learning to everyone. Making a difference, one learner, one community, one organization at a time.” - Elaine Cairns

Ningwakwe George



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Ningwakwe (Rainbow Woman), aka Priscilla George, is a Deer Clan Anishinaabe Kwe from the Saugeen First Nation in Southern Ontario. She was the National Speaker for the former National Indigenous Literacy Association (NILA). Ningwakwe worked with ArrowMight Canada and has been part of a team of Cuban and Canadian educators that developed literacy curriculum for delivery via DVD in various sites across Canada. Ningwakwe worked with the Aboriginal Learning Knowledge Centre on their Nourishing the Learning Spirit Theme Bundle.

She has been involved in Aboriginal literacy for over thirty years at the local, provincial (within the Ontario government), national and international levels. Ningwakwe has authored position papers, literature reviews and has conducted international research on literacy for indigenous peoples. In 2011, she received the Council of the Federation Literacy Award for Innovation in Ontario.

Ningwakwe advocates for the holistic approach to literacy/life, which means recognizing and nurturing Spirit, Heart, Mind and Body. Ningwakwe believes that literacy impacts on all areas of Life.

Carrie Manitopyes



Human Resources
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Carrie Manitopyes is a member of the Muskowekwan First Nation and is a mix of Saulteaux and Cree heritage. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Calgary, where she majored in Psychology. Carrie's education and experience working in oil and gas, utility, banking and with the Tsuut'ina First Nation have given her the tools to be successful in her current role as the Human Resources Manager at Grey Eagle Resort & Casino. She obtained the Chartered Professional in Human Resources (CPHR) designation and completed the Conflict Resolution Program at Mount Royal University. Carrie's focus at Grey Eagle Casino is to deliver successful outcomes for First Nation employees, advocate for Indigenous voices to be heard and to introduce indigenous practices into workplace mediation.

Sharon Bond



Owner, Kekuli Cafe
Franchise

Sharon Bond is the owner of the Kekuli Cafe Franchise in Westbank, BC. She is from the Nooaitch Indian Band outside of Merritt, BC. Sharon graduated in her hometown of Merritt, BC and has been taking business programs since the 1990's. For the past 6 years, Sharon has been a Board Director for Indigenous Tourism BC.

She successfully opened a second cafe location in her hometown. After almost 4 years of establishing Kekuli Cafe, she franchised that store to a young entrepreneur.

Sharon has 20 years of catering and restaurant operations, being a leader and putting Indigenous cuisine on the map of Canada. Kekuli Cafe is the first Indigenous franchisable restaurant in Canada and belonging to the Canadian Franchise Association. Kekuli Cafe has won numerous awards including the BC Achievement Award 2010 and Women Entrepreneur of 2009 by All Nations Trust Company.

Sharon's dream is for Canadians to always enjoy Bannock and coffee in every city of Canada. Sharon leads and inspires her team by empowering each person to be the best they can be and do the best they can.

Karri-Lynn Paul



Indigenous Women in
Community Leadership
Program Lead and
Program Teaching
Staff, Coady
International Institute

Karri-Lynn is the Indigenous Women in Community Leadership (IWCL) Program Lead and Program Teaching Staff at the Coady International Institute, St. Francis Xavier University. In this role, she provides strategic direction to and teaches in the IWCL program with the support of a national network of alumni, Elders and mentors. Karri-Lynn is passionate about supporting and facilitating adult learning that creates transformative experiences for Indigenous women. She believes that increasing access to leadership education for Indigenous women leads to stronger, more self-determining leaders and communities.

Sharing Circle/Survey Questions

1. What does it take to be an Indigenous Woman Leader in Tourism?
2. What are the obstacles/challenges you face?
3. What role does culture play? Why care about culture?
4. What advice do you have for emerging Indigenous Women Leaders in Tourism?

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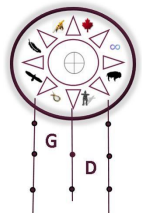
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