Are you an Indigenous woman who wants to make a difference in your community?

Indigenous Women in Community Leadership

www.iwomenlead.ca
GOALS:

• Engage next generation of Indigenous women leaders

• Provide practical skills and experience

• Benefit from the wisdom of established Indigenous women leaders

• Produce inspiring resources

• Support active community-driven development towards self-reliance and self-determination
2012 Video Highlights
2011 IWCL Participants
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IWCL – Program 2012

• Full scholarship for 15 successful IWCL candidates

• IWCL Program - May to end of August (coincides with summer months)

• It has three components:
  1. 3 weeks on campus in May
  2. 3 month community projects (end of May to August); and
  3. Back to campus for 1 week and a half to provide a debrief and graduate at the end of August
IWCL - Case Studies

- Create a bank of case study resources (print & video)
- Utilized in class discussions as part of the curriculum in May
- Share case studies with educational institutes and other learning organizations and communities for educational purposes
- Support identification and recruitment of Indigenous community partners & mentors
IWCL - Emerging Leaders

- Must be a Canadian Indigenous women
- Must have a high school degree or equivalent and are able to handle an intensive course load
- Must have some volunteer work
- Wants to make a difference in their community
- Open to learn how to engage their community to promote participation
- Considering or currently engaged in a community development career
IWCL – Established Mentors

- Established Indigenous women leaders, open to share their experiences
- Guide the IWCL Mentees over the course of the program
- Interested to join a network of IWCL women leaders
- Interested to assist the IWCL Program Manager on an Indigenous Advisory Group to continue to refine the program
2011 – Community Projects

Emerging Leadership Rebuilding Nations: Female Student and Women Participation


Jordan’s Principle

Women’s Sewing Group: Sewing for Survival
2012 – Community Projects

Community Engagement in Mobilizing Assets for Economic Development

Akwesasne: Land Where the Partridge Drums

Asset Based Community Development: Heiltsuk Nation Bella Bella, BC

Mini Thni: A Brief Look Into the Life of the Stoney People
2012 IWCL On-Campus Program

May program: 3-week campus based training includes:

- Aboriginal history & Leadership
- Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD)
- Positive interpersonal engagement strategies & proposal writing
- Case studies are core program elements
- Project Management throughout
IWCL 3 Month Community Project Placement

- The IWCL Program Manager works with the IWCL emerging leader to develop the project before they arrive in May
- It has to be feasible to complete in a 3 month time frame
- Community placement may be in the community they reside or elsewhere
- The IWCL emerging leader will receive a stipend of $800 per week during the 3 month community placement (or $400 if they are employed full time) and must budget the stipend accordingly
- Leverage Fund
IWCL - Anticipated Outcomes

• A vanguard of Indigenous women leaders with skills, experience and confidence

• A national network of Indigenous women leader mentors

• Valuable educational/ inspirational resources

• A cohort of community partners equipped to realize self-driven, sustainable initiatives

• An active dialogue between two generations of Indigenous women leaders