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TOGETHER FOR JUSTICE – ON
LANGUAGE, VIOLENCE &
RESPONSIBILITY



We were very pleased with the turnout with the workshop that was held in Watson Lake in September and the October workshop in Whitehorse. These workshops focused on Social Responses to Violence and what that means for a person that has been harmed. The group also received an understanding of colonial violence and how courageous children resisted the violence of the schools.

We initiated and built in an earlier conversation about how to involve youth and members of the school system into the broader conversation about community safety. Project Evaluator Christine Cleghorn, external evaluator, attended the meeting and compiled a evaluation template for the meeting.

Topics of human dignity and developmental knowledge have been woven into the workshops and will continue to be the focus of the analysis in regards to creating safety interventions that promote dignity and well-being after violence. Dignity is advanced through the preventative nature of the work, in creating communities where violence will not be tolerated and where police and social responses to violence will be quick and effective.

Methods of honoring resistance, through means such as interviewing, therapeutic conversation, reports and in daily conversation have been explored throughout the training. The fact that people resist violence and mistreatment is a key component of the response-based framework and is embedded in each of the workshops.

"Safety can be found in culture and culture in safety." When we are free to live in accordance with our cultural ways, we will be safe. When living by our cultural code of Dena Au'Nazen, no one would be hurt and justice would be built in to our lives.

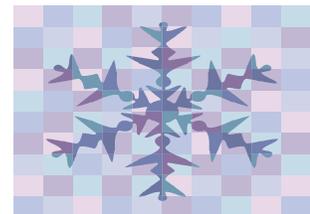
We invite you to our next scheduled workshops

Whitehorse:

October 31st and November 1st, 2011 at: Westmark Whitehorse from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Watson Lake:

November 3rd and 4th at the 2 mile hall from 9:00 – 4:00pm



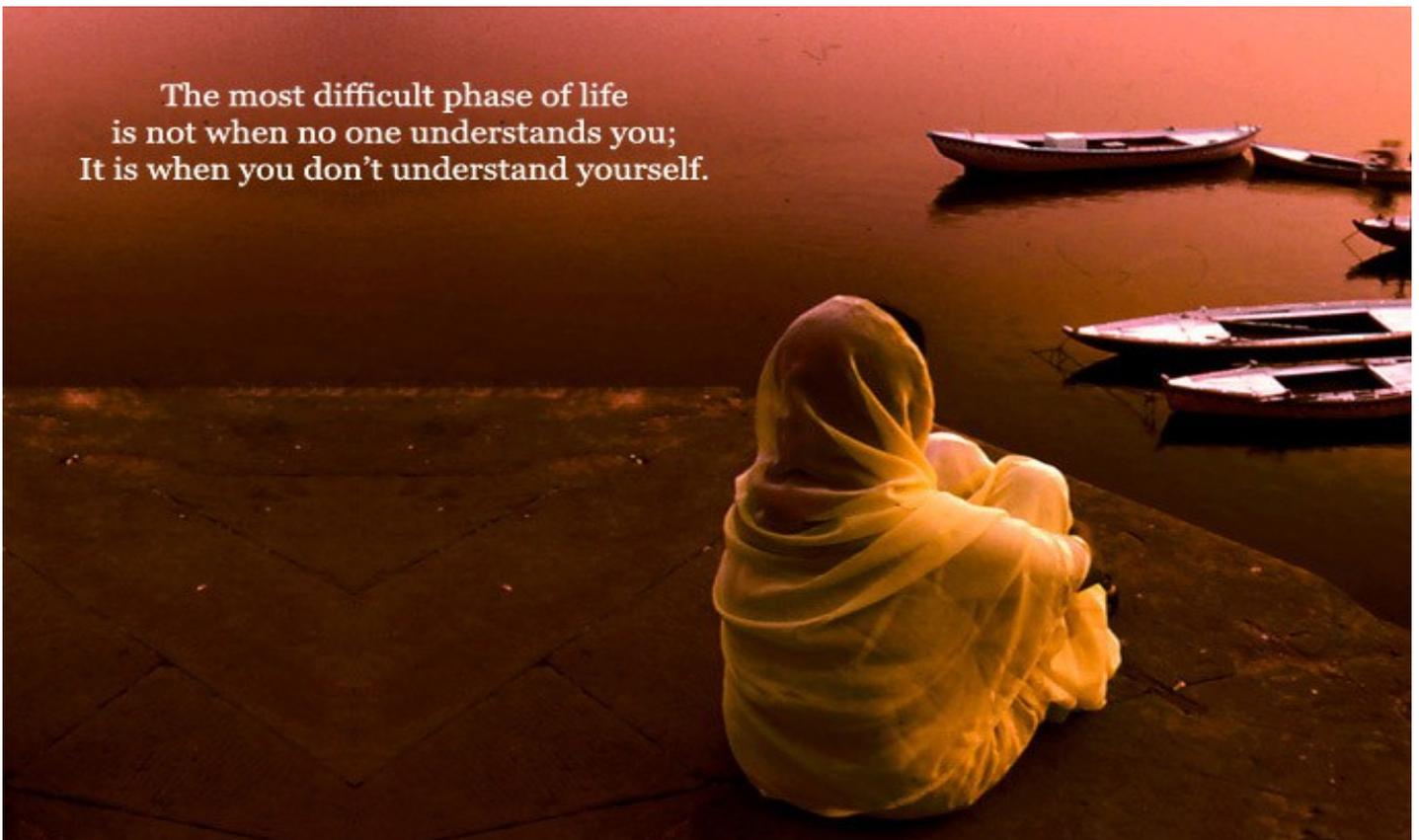
GUN CASE MAKING WORKSHOP

We would like to invite those interested in learning to make gun-cases to our workshop on October 25, 26, 27th at the 2 Mile Hall from 10:00 – 4:00 pm.

If you are interested in attending this awesome workshop please call our office to register as seating is limited.



The most difficult phase of life
is not when no one understands you;
It is when you don't understand yourself.



Language and Crafts

We are very pleased with the large turn out and interest in our Language and Crafts workshops. We would like to invite you to attend the workshops scheduled for:

- November 21st to November 25th at the 2 mile hall from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- November 28th to December 2nd at the 2 mile hall from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Once again we kindly ask that you attend the full workshops and not drop in for material. Please bring your own beads and thread.



“Aboriginal peoples of North America, like indigenous populations in other parts of the world, have experienced profound disruption and alteration of their traditional life ways through culture contact. This has involved diverse processes, including epidemics of infectious disease, systematic efforts at religious conversion, colonization with forced sedentarization, relocation and confinement to reserves, prolonged separation from family and kin in residential schools and hospitals, gradual involvement in local and global cash economies, political marginalization, increasingly pervasive bureaucratization, and technocratic control of every detail of their lives. This history has had complex effects on the structure of communities, individual and collective identity, and mental health.”

Laurence J Kirmayer, MD1, Gregory M Brass, MA2, Caroline L Tait, MA

L.A.W.S. AGM

We would like to invite all members to our Annual General Meeting scheduled for Wednesday October 26th at 2 mile hall from Lunch to 2:00 pm.



*October is
Breast Cancer Awareness Month*



L.A.W.S. ELDERS CAMP

We are in the process of upgrading camp for next year's Elders Camp at TU CHO. We will be boarding up the doors and putting a gate on our access road.

We will leave one tent frame open to allow

anyone that would need emergency shelter this winter.

We kindly ask anyone that has belongings in the tent frames to kindly remove them.

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