



# newsletter

## Liard Aboriginal Women's Society

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### **Honoring our Resistance to Residential Schools "Conversations of Dignity and Resistance"**

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Catherine Richardson will be back in our Kaska homeland to help facilitate these conversations from a response based approach.

In addition the workshop will provide training in response based practice through which we will use to review how language is used to conceal violence and our resistance to it. We will learn ways of helping individuals restore their dignity after experiencing violence and mistreatment.

**When: May 4th and 5th**

**Where: 2 Mile Hall**

**Time: 10:00am**

### **Sewing Circle**

The women sewing regalia for the graduates will be at WLSS working on their projects.

We have some extra material if anyone is interested to join and sew something for yourself or your children. Please bring your beads, needles and thread.

**When: April 25th to 29th**

**Where: WLSS—Linda McDonald's class**

**Time: 10am to 3pm**

In addition, we will hold a session at the Wye Lake Cabin for anyone that is interested.

**When: April 30th(Saturday)**

**Where: Wye Lake Cabin**

**Time: 10am to 4pm**

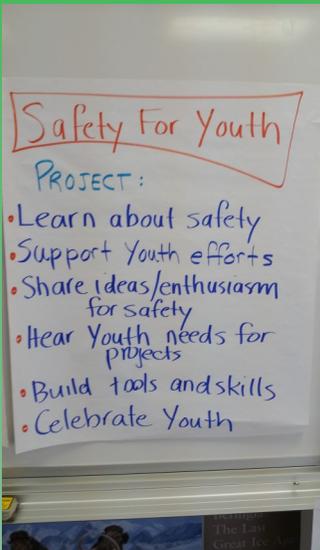
**Invitation to Attend  
Youth and Safety Justice Project  
Campaign Launch  
5:30pm, May 19, 2016  
Watson Lake Recreation Centre**

You are warmly invited to a community gathering to honor and celebrate the resourcefulness and dedication of our youth as they launch a Community Youth for Safety and Justice Campaign.

Youth for Safety and Justice is a three year empowerment project designed to foster community safety and justice for youth women and girls. The Project recognizes the need for active youth participation in addressing issues of violence against young women and girls, and is designed to provide youth with the knowledge and skills needed to assume a leadership role in promoting safety and justice for young women and girls, youth to youth and within the community at large.

In honoring and celebrating our youth, we also acknowledge the support of Status of Women Canada, and the many community agencies and partners lending their support to this project.

**Join us to share in a community dinner and the enthusiasm of our youth as they lend their voice and spirit to the cause of community safety and justice for young women and girls.**



Thank you Team Youth for Safety and Justice without you this project would not be possible!!!

- Julie Laliberte –Facilitator
- Renee Claude -Carrier—Facilitator
- Jeff Cook—Program Evaluator
- Art Stephenson—Proposal Developer
- Travis Stewart—Fantastic Finance Manager
- Dr.Allan Wade—Curriculum Developer/Program Consultant
- Crystal Stewart-Project Support
- Nina Reed– Video/Film
- Mary Charlie—Elder
- Rose Caesar– Elder
- Linda McDonald—Teacher WLSS
- Lionel Bridgestone — Principle WLSS
- Jean Mclean– Principle WLSS
- Teachers at WLSS
- Youth for Safety and Justice Participants

In Collaboration with: LFN Justice, WL RCMP, Daylu Dena Justice, YTG Social Services, YTG Alcohol/Drug Services, YTG Victim Services, Help & Hope for Families, Kaska Elders and Many Rivers Counselling.



## **Graduation Celebration for Grade 7 and Grade 12 Grads**

Kaska women have been working very hard creating beautiful regalia for the grade 7 and grade 12 graduates. We are so proud that we have such talented artists in our Nation.

The regalia sewing project was funded by the Arts Fund from the Yukon Government. This funding provided the opportunity for our elders to connect with the youth in both schools and create beautiful traditional clothing for them.

In recognition of the grads in both schools the Johnson Elementary in partnership with WLSS and LAWS will be hosting a dinner in honor of the youth who will be proudly wearing their traditional clothing.

**When: June 16th**

**Where: WLSS Gym**

**Time: 5:30pm**

## **Holistic Healing with Naturopath Dr. Gordon Smith**

Dr. Gordon Smith who is a Naturopathic Doctor in Whitehorse will be in Watson Lake offering suggestions in alternative health solutions to your health concerns. Dr. Gordon Smith's visit marks National Naturopathic Week which is a time to connect people with the potential health-care benefits that this nature-based healing system could provide.

Do you have questions about your health and would like some guidance? Do have questions regarding cleanses?

We ask that you track your diet a week before seeing Dr. Gordon Smith and bring all your medications or supplements to your appointment.

Please note that LAWS will cover the fees for your visit, however, you will be responsible for any supplements or products.

If you are interested in booking an appointment please call Travis at 867-536-2097.

**When: May 10th, 11th and 12th**

**Where: Wye Lake Cabin**

**Time: 10:00am**