



Liard Aboriginal Women's Society—Box 3 Watson Lake, Yukon Y0A 1C0

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Youth For Safety and Justice Campaign Launch

The young activists in Youth for Safety participants, from the Watson Lake Secondary School, have been hard at work this year planning events and campaign to address gendered violence. The group has been learning about social justice topics that include dignity, activism, gendered and sexualized violence, gender identity, privilege, and positive and negative social responses.

In December the youth organized a vigil complete with youth and adult speakers, a rose ceremony, and drumming to commemorate the victims of the Montreal Massacre and the 1200 murdered or missing Indigenous Women across Canada. They planned a poster campaign for International Women's Day on March 8th, and a photo-booth inviting other students to say why they believe International Women's Day is important.

Now all this hard work will be culminated in a community-wide celebration and feast showcasing these efforts. The youth would like to invite the community members of Watson Lake to join them in celebrating their successes this year and raising awareness about gendered violence. There will be drumming, a feast, guest speakers, a door prize, and a youth recognition ceremony. Hope to see you all there!

YOUTH FOR SAFETY CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

WHEN: May 17, 2017

WHERE: WATSON LAKE RECREATION CENTRE

TIME: 5:30 PM

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND THIS AMAZING EVENT. COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR YOUTH.

Regalia

The Elders and family members have been very busy over the winter sewing beautiful traditional regalia for the grades 7 and 12 Youth. Thank you to Ganhada Management for their partnership on this project and Social Services for funding the project. We would ask everyone involved with sewing regalia for our grads to please join us on May 18th and 19th and 20th to complete project.

To All Families and Survivors In the Yukon

The National Inquiry for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women will be sending a team made up of staff from the Health, Research, Community Relations, and Legal teams to the Yukon the week of May 15, 2017. The teams will be in some communities to reach out to those of you who want to participate in the National Inquiry.

These community visits will help us all to plan and prepare for Community Hearings that are part of the overall Truth Gathering Process that will take place the week of May 29, 2017, in Whitehorse.

Carmacks: Monday May 15

Watson Lake: Wednesday May 17

Ross River: Wednesday, May 17

Whitehorse: Monday May 15 to Thursday May 18

Contact Alana Boileau, Community Liaison Officer, at **1-514-242-9915** or at **a.boileau@mniwg-ffada.ca** to find out more about how you can meet with the National Inquiry to get information on how you can participate.

Our Women and Girls are Sacred / Nos femmes et nos filles sont sacrées

Denek'eh Gudzededeh - Kaska Language Literacy Sessions

Dr. Pat Moore and the Yukon Native Language Center will be offering a three day Kaska Literacy Session in Watson Lake on May 23, 24 and 25, 2017. Fluent speakers, language teachers, language learners and language advocates will be in attendance.

- Language Learning: Stories, Linguistics, Translations, Spelling, Dialects
- Teaching: Utilizing Elders, Teaching with Limited Resources, Getting Students Interested, lessons with Stories, Immersion Teaching
- YNLC Presentation of draft Strategic Action Plan for Feedback and Input
- Language Planning: Fluency, Curriculum and Teaching
- Documentation: Video and Audio Recordings, Written Documentation

Where: Watson Lake Ski Chalet

When: May 23, 24 and 25, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This session is open for all that are interested, please just confirm your attendance with YNLC by phoning 668-8820 or send an e-mail to info@ynlc.ca.

Liard Aboriginal Women's Society -- Office Assistant/Bookkeeper

Reporting to the Office Manager, the Office Assistant is responsible for assisting the Office Manager in the performance of office routines, and for providing secretarial and clerical support to the Executive Director and Program Staff as required. Office assistance includes reception, financial and records management, reporting, communications and event planning.

The following skills and knowledge would normally be acquired through one or more years of post-secondary training plus two or more years of office experience in community-based organization(s), preferably serving First Nations citizens -- an equivalent combination of education and experience being acceptable.

Interpersonal Skills and Knowledge

Proven relationship and reception skills with a commitment to confidentiality;
Cross-cultural and cross-gender awareness and sensitivity;
Knowledge of residential school survivor and intergenerational effects;
Broad awareness of issues related to violence against women;
Ability to work in a team environment;
Models an alcohol and drug free lifestyle and a commitment to personal wellness.

Communication Skills

Excellent oral and written communication skills including skills in understanding and being understood across diverse communication styles;
Ability to summarize and write in a variety of formats (e.g. minutes, reports, evaluations, etc.)

Administrative Skills and knowledge

Broad knowledge of office administration methods and practices including bookkeeping and records management skills;
Functional skills in computer applications including email, Excel, Word, Power Point and Simply Accounting;
Well-developed organizational skills;
Event planning skills including scheduling, confirming and supporting venues, confirming participants, expediting travel and accommodations, and providing secretarial support;
Time management skills, the ability to multi-task and meet critical deadlines.

Only applications with strong financial management skills will be considered as this is essential to the position.

Financial Management

Maintaining financial records, forms and documentation, per standard accounting principles and financial and administration policy (payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable); completing bank deposits and reconciling records.

Please call the office at 867 536 2097 for a detailed Job Description. Position is until September 2017. Please drop-off your complete resume with names of references to our office at 721

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Avenue or fax to 867-536-2810.

For The Children

Young confused children
Exchanged frightened stares
Stripped down and cleaned
They lost their culture, their clothing, and hair
Rapidly learned was the need to beware
The way they were treated, it just wasn't fair
Children unable to understand, confused, but nonetheless
The people in charge felt the need to oppress
Obedience and respect enforced with violence
Dark acts committed in midnight silence
Victimized children living in constant fear
Cringing and shaking when authority came near
Lonely and abandoned, unable to be free
Robbed of their childhood, unaware of who they were meant to be
Told how to act and what to believe
There was never an option for them to leave
Trapped and tormented with no way out
Some who finally escaped followed a dark route
Alcohol and substances helped ease the pain of the past
Overwhelming feelings convince them without it, their escape cannot last
Sad and painful encounters altered their brains
Minds and hearts are filled with undeserved shame
Stripped of their pride
Wounds left healing inside
Understanding that they aren't to blame
A spark's been ignited
Strong spirits united
Together, reclaiming their names

By: Piper Allen

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