



Response based Cultural Support Training – Rebuilding Lives

Liard Aboriginal Women's Society is pleased to invite Dr. Shelly Bonah back to our homeland. Shelly is a colleague of Dr. Allan Wade from the Centre for Response Based Practice.

This training will be to develop capacity with supporting individuals who are or have struggled in their lives.

Together we will explore grief and look at our understanding of this beautiful process.

Can grief ever be resolved? What is there to resolve?



The dates for the training is:

DATE: March 25, 26, 27

TIME: 10am to 4pm

LOCATION: 2 Mile Hall

Grad Celebration—Regalia Update

The last two years we were grateful for the financial support from Yukon Government for this amazing project. We submitted proposals to them for this year and submitted elsewhere and are disappointed that to date we have not received anything.

We understand that a decision will be made at the end of March for a proposal we submitted to Yukon Government. We are confident, that should we receive funding, that families and elders and community will pull together to create the masterpieces for our grads, as that is what we do best.

We will keep you updated on LAWS Facebook page and make an announcement at the end of March. Should we get the funding we would have April and May to sew and I can hear the Elders say no problem we will get it done.



BOARD TRAINING

Liard Aboriginal Women's Society invites anyone interested in learning about board liabilities and responsibilities to join this workshop. This workshop will help individuals who may be interested in running for office with Liard First Nation or other governments.

The four day intensive training will focus on the following:

Day 1: Board Governance - Roles and Responsibilities

Day 2 - Financial Literacy – understanding financial statements

Day 3 - Strengths / Opportunities / Aspirations / Results - Mini Strategic Planning work

We are pleased to have invite Jamie Sterrit, son of Neil Sterrit, with Sa'hetxw Consulting. As you can see from the poster on the next page, Jamie has a wealth of experience and is a respected teacher and long time friend of Kaska people.

The dates for the training is:

DATE: March 17, 18, 19

TIME: 10am to 4pm

LOCATION: 2 Mile Hall



**Is your Board looking to build
their governance capacity
and make a difference?**

Our workshops engage participants in the proactive work of your governing body and good governance, emphasizing: Legal and Fiduciary obligations; Your relationship with the members; Your relationship with staff; and How to limit and avoid liability.

The workshop includes handouts and breakout sessions as well as examples from real situations that we have encountered. Learning outcomes include, but are not limited to, the following: An understanding of key Governance functions, including the planning process; An introduction to the process and structure of governance including your authority and decision making powers; An understanding of Conflict of Interest / quorum / etc. in various meeting situations; An introduction to what a respectful workplace is, and how to deal with bullying and harassment; An example of governance policies and procedures for the Board and the Top Manager.

Areas include:

An introduction to, and overview of, the roles and responsibilities of Board as a whole; the roles and responsibilities of the Chair; The roles and responsibilities of Directors; The roles, responsibilities and desirable qualifications of the organization's Top Manager; Working towards a respectful workplace; How to create and manage effective committees; Running effective meetings; The Planning Process. Sa'hetxw Consulting walks you through an interactive two-day workshop that focuses on "good governance" practices. Our workshop helps you understand your roles and responsibilities as the Board of Directors including strategic ways you can help your organization set a strong governance foundation for years to come. Our workshop is tailored to the needs of our clients. Prior to the workshop, we work through the final agenda with you to ensure your needs will be met.

Jamie began his professional career as the First Nations Liaison for Klohn-Crippen Consultants, an environmental consulting firm based in Vancouver BC. At Klohn-Crippen, he built a solid reputation in community engagement and consultation and in commercial information technology applications. In 2005, Jamie launched Sa'hetxw Consulting where he has planned and delivered a wide range of successful projects for his clients, from broadband network projects and customized computer science courses to community capacity development and planning. Now, as both an Information & Communications Technology (ICT) expert and a seasoned Aboriginal Governance consultant and facilitator, who has a background in traditional and digital arts, Jamie brings a truly unique blend of expertise, a remarkably diverse skill set, and a wealth of experience to any project he takes on. He also brings his passion and boundless energy. He's a member of the Gitksan Nation and currently sits as Chair of the Board of Governors for Nicola Valley Institute of Technology. He relishes the overlap between his various disciplines and fields of knowledge, embracing both the traditional and the modern.



W.J. (Jamie) Sterritt

What is Ts'ídāne á' nezen?: Youth for Dignity in Relationships

The *Ts'ídāne á' nezen?: Youth for Dignity in Relationships* project is a phase 2 of the successful *Youth for Safety* that ran at Watson Lake Secondary School from 2015-2017. This new project is being developed under the leadership of Liard Aboriginal Women's Society (LAWS) in collaboration with community leaders and organizations, and aims to address gender-based and relationship violence among Youth in Watson Lake and the Kaska Nations.

The project is also an important opportunity to revitalize cultural identities, connect with Elders, and support the continuation of Kaska culture and traditions- a future in which Liard Youth have a role in ensuring a safe and resilient Kaska community.



What is the Community Advisory Forum?

On Wednesday March 13th 2019 we are excited to host an Advisory Forum for the *Ts'ídāne á' nezen?: Youth for Dignity* project! This is an opportunity for LAWS to host youth, Elders, and organizational partners with the goal of seeking input into the project's planning. The event will give you the opportunity to learn more about the Project as well as contribute your voice to the design of the project.

How can Youth get involved?

Youth play a very important role in this project. **On March 14th, LAWS will be hosting a Youth Focus group-** by attending the Focus Group, you will meet others who are involved in the project, contribute your voice to the design, and learn about the many ways you can get involved. **Your voice as Youth matters- we hope to see you there!**

ADVISORY FORUM
Wednesday March 13th
10am-3pm
2 Mile Hall
Lunch will be provided.
Questions?
Contact Ann @ 867-334-
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