

Anishnabeg Outreach Newsletter

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Working towards Employment, Training and Educational Goals.

4th Youth and Elders Conference March 6th at Sheldale Community Centre-Guelph

“Teachings from the Four Directions”

The Youth & Elders gathering continues to be a significant event for the Aboriginal Community. This year’s theme “Teaching from the Four Directions” allowed the participants of all ages an opportunity to learn from the Elders about their teachings and traditions from the 4 Directions. All participants were given a passport to have initialed by the workshop presenters and then their names were entered to win a chance at a door prize at the end of the day.

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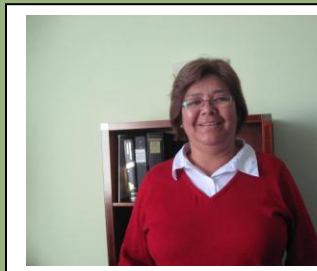
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**New Executive
Director of
Anishnabeg
Outreach**

Shelldale Community Centre in Guelph- continued “Teachings from the Four Directions”

The day moved quickly after lunch as the children learned their drumming songs to play in the afternoon. As the opening ceremonies began K-Town Singers were drumming and singing as the flags were carried in by the Youth and the Veterans. Our Master of Ceremony John Somosi outlined the day and kept everyone entertained with his sense of humour and wit.

Anishnabeg Outreach is very proud of our newly formed Youth Group. They started in November and did an excellent job at the Torch Run and the Sunrise ceremony the next day.

A short video was shown featuring the Youth Group and their ability in dancing was so impressive!

Jan Sherman held a work shop for the younger children and they appeared near the end of the event and proudly sang and played the drums. The women's drum played and sang to an appreciative audience throughout the day.

Miigwetch to the cooks whom prepared breakfast, lunch and supper for all of our guests. Also Miigwetch to all of the volunteers who helped with every aspect of the event. The Guelph University Aboriginal Students were very generous with their contributions to this day. Also, we wish to thank our sponsors and supporters for their continuous contributions towards this annual event.

We wish to recognize the **Dreamcatcher Fund** as it would not have been possible without their financial support.



Welcome to Lois MacDonald as incoming Executive Director for Anishnabeg Outreach Inc. The staff and the Board of Directors are honoured to welcome Lois to her new position.

Lois is certainly is not a stranger to the local Aboriginal community as she has been office manager for our Guelph office .Her passion and devotion to Aboriginal causes including education, training, high risk youth and family food and shelter security are only a few of her many contributions.

Lois has always been generous in sharing her knowledge of community development and cultures and traditions of the Aboriginal people.

Anishnabeg Outreach continues to undergo a time of transition. With Lois as our new Executive Director and Lee Ann Hundt as our Kitchener Office Manager, the entire Anishnabeg Outreach team are at capacity to take the organization into the future with clear, decisive and accountable direction. Lois can be reached for any personal welcomes at the Kitchener and Guelph Offices. Welcome Lois!



UPCOMING EVENTS



We have a new web site! Check us out!

www.anishnabegoutreach.org

Waterloo Regional Police Services Open House-

Saturday, May 8th at W.R.P.S.

Headquarters 200 Maplegrove Road in Cambridge. The

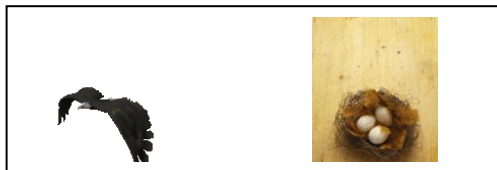
time is from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Come greet us at the Anishnabeg booth. Kid friendly events All day!



It's hard to believe that my placement hours have come to an end. I wanted to say "Thank-you" and "Miigwetch" to the staff, clients and members of AO for welcoming me and letting me be part of the team. I have really enjoyed working here and getting to know everyone. I am planning to apply for the M.S.W. program at Laurier; hopefully I will pass this way again.

Karen

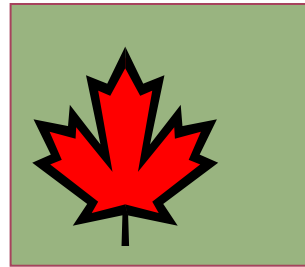


The staff and Board of Directors and clients wish to thank Dr. Gus Hill, for all his time spent as Executive Director and Board Member. Gus is leaving to follow his path of teaching .

"Treat the earth well: it was not given to you by your parents, it was loaned to you by your children. We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors, we borrow it from our Children."

Quote: Oglala Sioux Proverb

WE ARE CELEBRATING NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY AT VICTORIA PARK ON JUNE 26,27TH. PLEASE CALL 519- 742-0300 AND REGISTER FOR DANCING, DRUMMING, VOLUNTEERS. THIS IS A 2 DAY EVENT AND THERE ARE MANY WAYS THAT YOU CAN ASSIST IN THIS IMPORTANT COMMUNITY CELEBRATION.



The RCMP are looking for men and women from all backgrounds to join Canada's national police service. The RCMP plans to train up to 800 to 1,200 cadets each year for the next few years.

Contact us:

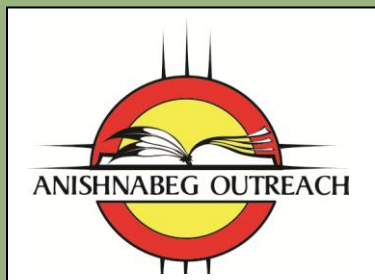
- ◆ www.rcmp.ca
- ◆ 1-877-726-7472
- ◆ This is a unique opportunity for an exciting career.



AFTER SCHOOL SOCIAL PROGRAM OR ABORIGINAL FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM

Any families that are interested in attending the After School Tutoring Program or the Aboriginal Family Literacy Program should contact Donna Bell for more information.

Guelph Office- 519-763-5292



Programs offered by the Kitchener and Guelph offices for the Spring & Summer seasons are:

- ✓ Career Decision Making
- ✓ Labour Market Research
- ✓ Resume writing
- ✓ Cover Letter writing
- ✓ Job Search Skills
- ✓ Interview Skills

We are planning to host the "Guiding Circles Program" Please call the office if you are interested in attending!

Anishnabeg Outreach offers a wide range of services. Within our services we offer internet, telephone and resource access. We also have knowledgeable staff that will help you with your career, employment or training goals. Our services are not only provided for Aboriginal people but also for the general Public.



O-GI PROGRAMS

OG-I is a unique partnership between the Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres and Grand River Employment and Training Initiative. Since 1999 they have been

administering employment supports and services for urban Aboriginal people in Ontario.

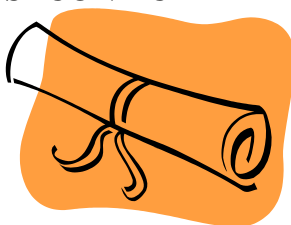
- Some supports offered
- Employment workshops
 - Job Creation Partnerships
 - Targeted Wage Subsidy
 - Skills Enhancement
 - Youth Stay-In-School Initiatives

- Training Purchase
- and many more.

Who is eligible?

*Status/non-status Aboriginal individuals, Métis- CMC, OMAA, MNO and Inuit.

SECOND CAREER



Have you been laid off? - Have you collected EI in the past 3 years? If you meet specific criteria, then there could be government funding available for you to start a "Second Career". Call Christina 519-742-0300 and inquire about your future.

If you need career, education or employment advice please contact either the Guelph or Kitchener office. One of our counselors will be more than happy to provide you with these services.

