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Shared, Unceded territories

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GUIDANCE FROM Indigenous Leaders ADVISORY circle

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To Be Successful, we must do it like a FAMILY



Māori Worldview

Te 'Ao Māori & Water Management in Aotearoa NEW ZEALAND

ANNE HAIRA

BORN OUT OF WATER

Whanganui River Legally: A Person AN ANCESTOR

## VALUES

holistic INTERGENERATIONAL Thinking...

Humility LAND, WATER AIR

Māori Values are UNIFYING

## CO-MANAGEMENT

## REPORT ON:

STATE PRESSURE IMPACT

OF THE WATER PRESSURES ON WATER SYSTEMS ON WATER SYSTEMS, PEOPLE -Māori

MULTIPLE Perspectives towards OUR GOALS

"GOOD" impacts depends on your VALUES & PERSPECTIVES

SOCIAL CHANGE -SOCIAL MEDIA -COMMUNICATION

## OUR Water OUR Future

We cannot do this work alone

COLLABORATION is essential

Learning THE VALUE OF THE LAND

Restoring 500 Acres OF Wetland

100% OF PROJECTS addressed CLIMATE CHANGE  
Restore Watersheds FOR ALL Beings & Future generations

CO-GOVERNANCE Māori DECISION MAKING + LEADERSHIP are Key in Restoration

REMEMBER Storytelling "IF YOU'RE NOT TELLING YOUR STORY SOMEONE ELSE WILL."





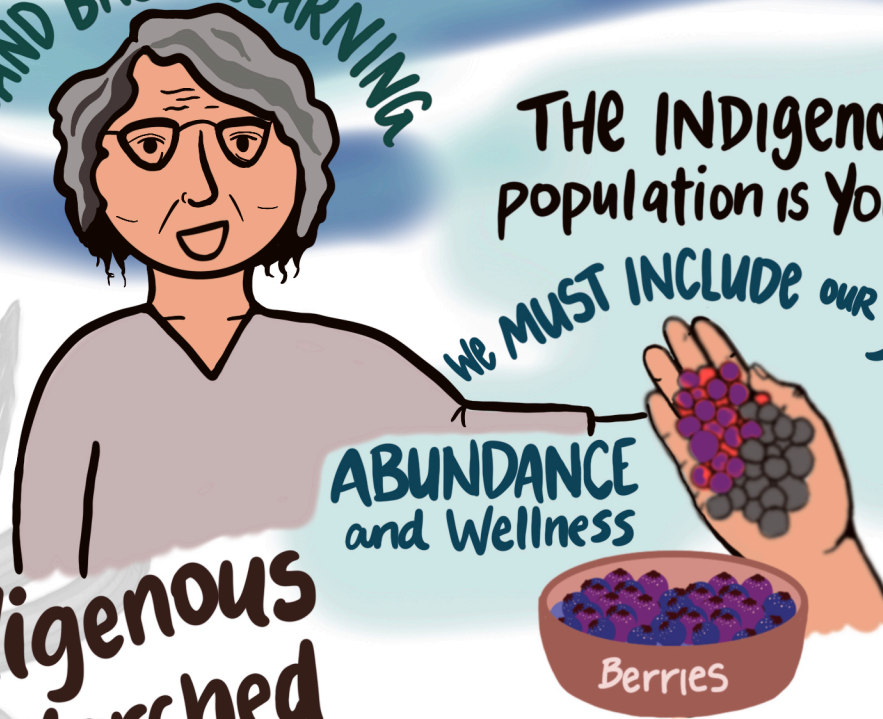


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LAND BASED LEARNING

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS →

Engage Youth and Elders: Get back to the LAND



THE INDIGENOUS population is Young

WE MUST INCLUDE OUR YOUTH

ABUNDANCE and Wellness



Berries

Incorporating Intergenerational Learning into our Watershed Projects

Learning from our Elders

Passing Knowledge is KEY

Positive Impacts on MENTAL Health

COLONIZATION

Centering Indigenous Rights in Watershed Work

Work

UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

THE INDIAN ACT

was meant to keep us POOR

UNDRIP IMPLEMENTATION BARRIERS:

Tokenization of Indigenous People & Nations

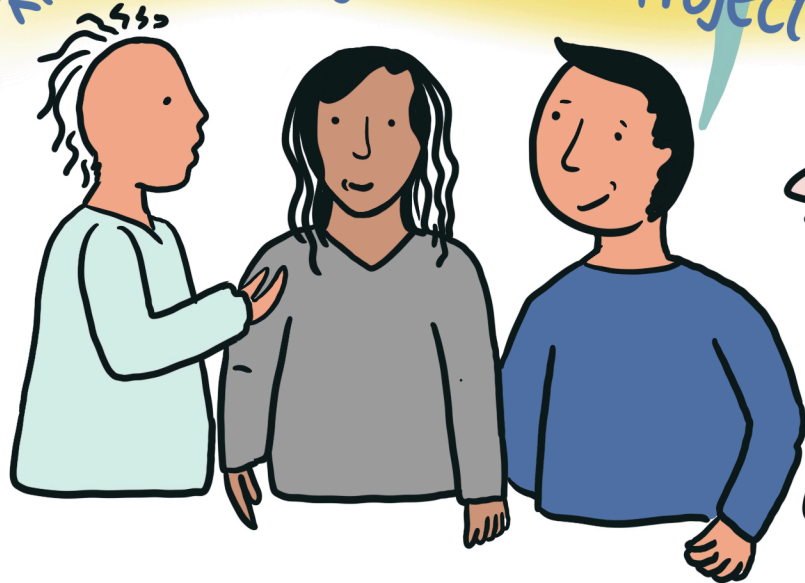
LACK of General Knowledge of UNDRIP

FUNDING INEQUALITY

UNDRIP IS NOT NEW 16 years OLD

Restoring RIGHTS FOOD & SOVEREIGNTY

PRIORITIZE Indigenous-Led Projects



OUR TEACHINGS have much POWER

- TARA MARSDEN
- DR. ROGER WILLIAM





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# CONNECT with WATERSHED PEERS

Learn from one Another

ideally... **KNOWLEDGE Sharing**

protect our **BIODIVERSITY**

## THE FUTURE OF BC'S WATERSHEDS

**INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**Reciprocal EXCHANGE**



### OUR PROJECTS:

- ▷ community-based
- ▷ academic focus
- ▷ across B.C.: Many unique needs & environments

How can we come together to share **DATA?** MOU?

DATA SHARING agreements

### BARRIERS:

- ▷ COVID-19 & not being able to meet face-to-face
- ▷ capacity
- ▷ Competing projects
- ▷ Many governments involved
- ▷ **FUNDING TIMELINES unrealistic**

- ▷ payment for our time
- ▷ **FOOD**
- ▷ Be humble, no demanding

## SAFE SPACES

### Breakout 1:

**HAVE PRIDE in my INDIGENOUS IDENTITY**

**OPTIMISM for the FUTURE**

**COMMITMENT to HEALING MOVING FORWARD**

