



3rd Annual Independent First Nations Youth Conference “Healthy Leaders, Healthy Communities”

Hosted in Partnership
With Aboriginal Shelters of Ontario



DELEGATE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Independent First Nations (IFN) are proud to announce the delivery of the 3rd Annual IFN Youth Conference, “Healthy Leadership, Healthy Communities” hosted this year in partnership with the Aboriginal Shelters of Ontario (ASOO). This Conference is scheduled to take place at Best Western Nor’Wester in Thunder Bay from March 22-27th, 2017.

For most participants March 22 will be your travel day. Upon arrival at the venue you will have an opportunity to come and register with IFN/ASOO organizers. At 6:00pm a reception dinner will be provided that will allow youth to network amongst each other, to engage in a few ice breaker activities and to cover general housekeeping for the upcoming week. Perhaps...there will be a few surprises too.

On March 23-24th each delegate will participate in a two-day training course being offered on one of the following topics: family violence prevention, art as an alternative, or effective life skills and healthy communication (all resulting in certification). We will also be offering a special SafeTALK session on the evening of the 23rd and some youth delegates will have the opportunity to gain additional certification in suicide alertness.

On March 25, the 3rd Annual IFN Youth Conference will officially commence and will bring all 100 First Nations Youth delegates together in a collective forum. There will be multiple opportunities for delegates to utilize their new training and to actively support each other’s development as young First Nations leaders.

Youth attending this conference can expect to gain additional skills and knowledge in areas such as teamwork/teambuilding, public speaking, strategies for effective communication, confidence building and much more! We will also be incorporating a few unique, fun, high-energy group activities this year that will challenge our participants to demonstrate what they have learned throughout the course of the conference.

Youth delegates should be between the ages of 18-29, however, we will review and consider applications from 16+ (Chaperone will be required for those under 18). Youth must be from one of the communities listed below. We are looking for some enthusiastic young people that are willing to take advantage of this awesome opportunity and to harness some of their own Leadership potential.

Early Bird Registration deadline is **January 13, 2017** (all applicants in by this deadline will be entered into a draw). Final Registration deadline will be **February 17th, 2017**. We would like to thank all those interested and look forward to meeting all delegates in March 2017.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

The IFN will only be accepting registrations from the following 12 Communities:

IFN COMMUNITIES	
Akwesasne	Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek
Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek	Iskatewizaagegan #39
Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug	Neyaashiinigmiing
Saugeen	Shawanaga
Temagami	Walpole Island
Wabaseemoong	Whitesand

Please keep in mind that registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis! Therefore, once all designated seats for a community are filled (any additional applications will be notified and waitlisted until FINAL registration deadline closes **February 17th, 2017**).

Once the final registration deadline has closed, the remaining waitlisted applicants will be considered. If you are selected as a delegate, you will be contacted by number/email provided to arrange your travel details.

If you have any questions about the registration process, please contact IFN organizer Sasha Maracle, by email at: sasha@ifnc.ca

Completed registration forms can also be sent to the email addresses listed above or by fax at 905 765-2224 or by snail mail to:

(IFN/ASOO Youth Leadership Conference)
Attention: Sasha Maracle
50 Generations Dr. Box #8
Ohsweken, ON
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We want to thank all applicants in advance for your submission and interest in attending this forum. We are looking forward to a successful event and opportunity to engage with IFN & ASOO Youth.

NOTE: ASOO will be implementing a separate delegation selection process to identify youth attending as part of their delegation.



Independent First Nations

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"Healthy Leadership, Healthy Communities"



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WHEN

March 22-27, 2017



WHERE

Best Western, Nor' Wester
Thunder Bay, ON



Presenters/Facilitators:

-Ganohkwasra

Erica Bota (ThinkLink Graphics)

Crisis and Trauma Resource Institute

PRIZES! ENTERTAINMENT!!

Youth will be required to participate in the full 5 days:

March 23-24

Family Violence Prevention, Art as an Alternative and Effective Life skills and Healthy Communication

Training sessions.

***Special SafeTALK Session on 23rd

March 25-27

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Healthy Communities"



CRITERIA:

AGES 18-29 – (16+ WILL BE CONSIDERED BUT WILL REQUIRE CHAPERONE)

SUBMIT ALL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

REGISTRATION:

Early Registration: January 13, 2017
(Prize to be won)

Final Registration: February 17, 2017

SESSION TOPICS:

Effective Communication

Public Speaking

Confidence Building

Family Violence Prevention

Teamwork & Leadership

And much more....

Contact:

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Best Western Nor'Wester
Thunder Bay, ON
March 22-27, 2017



REGISTRATION FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION	
Name as appears on Identification: <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs.	First Name:
	Last Name:
Community:	Age:
Gender:	Birthdate (DD/MM/YY):
Address:	
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
Email:	

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION		
Name:		
Relationship to you:		
Address:		
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Work Phone
Email:		
Any special medical conditions/concerns/issues we should be aware of:		
Please provide your health card number:		

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Travel Dates: March 22, 2017 and return March 27th or 28th, 2017. Please identify the location of:

Departure Location:

Return Location/ Address:

Note: All delegates will receive a travel stipend for all expenses associated with travel and meals not included in event offerings. This incidental for each night of accommodations for your stay. All delegates will also be eligible for compensation for costs related to: taxis, airport parking, and baggage fees. ALL ORIGINAL RECEIPTS REQUIRED.

***Please attach a photocopy of your identification that you will be traveling with**

TRAINING INFORMATION

Please identify your training selection by priority ranking 1 (most preferred), 2 (secondary option), 3 (being last choice): *We will do our very best to accommodate your preference for training.*

Art as an Alternative

**Family Violence
Prevention Training**

**Essential Life Skills and
Communication**

Communication and Essential Life Skills: For youth to succeed in school, communities and their personal life, effective communication skills are some of the most important skills required. Through using interactive exercises and activities, youth will explore the elements of communication, identify personal areas of strengths and weaknesses and explore various types of communication skills. **Effective Life Skills:** Youth need to have a strong sense of self to manage the difficulties they encounter. This workshop will help young people to develop the needed skills for these tasks. Youth must believe in their competency and worth to move into the future with purpose. Learning how to care for oneself and to chart a course is paramount in building this skill set. This high-energy workshop will take participants through numerous activities to teach them these important life skills.

Art as an Alternative: Youth will explore how art/artistic expressionism can be used as a mechanism for positive health and wellness (therapeutic alternative) or as a self-care practice. Participants will learn how to translate personal feeling/or reflection into the artwork and/or to demonstrate a story telling through the pieces they created. Delegates will also work with our Graphic Artists (Erica Bota) who will teach the art and fundamentals of Graphic Notetaking or recording. Each delegate will receive an art kit, graphic boards and instruction from a professional graphic artist. Any youth with existing artistic abilities/interests are recommended but this is not a mandatory requirement. Basic skills will be taught to any participant choosing this workshop.

Family Violence Prevention: Youth will examine the root compacts of violence and the impacts of colonization on the traditional family systems and how this has translated into various acts of violence within the family and community. Youth will explore topics of violence, including but not limited to, bullying, family violence, sexual violence, child and elder abuse, human trafficking, and lateral violence. Youth will also reflect on contemporary and cultural based models of family violence prevention.

CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION

Description: There may be a photographer/videographer present at the “IFN Youth Conference” and publications/promotions may be created as part of conference proceedings/outcomes.

Please sign this portion (if in agreement); I agree and consent to the use of my image, voice and/or other captions/depictions of me; being shared and/or used for the production of materials, promotion, publications etc. at the conference or beyond the conference. I also understand that the promotions, publications and materials created may be shared with the IFN communities and potentially even a wider audience.

I am over the age of 18 and I consent to the use of audio/visual materials containing my image and/or voice. If no, please have a parent/guardian sign on your behalf.

Signature:

PROMOTIONAL CLOTHING SIZES

	Small	Medium	Large	X-Large	XXL	XXXL
T-Shirt						
Pants						

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 13, 2017

FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 17, 2017

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