

## Dene Hha Communications - Northern Saskatchewan Aboriginal Awareness Training

### Description:

This training program allows participants to gain understanding about Northern Saskatchewan Aboriginal people's history, culture and current issues. The training is divided into two workshops that work in tandem. **Workshop 1- Culture and History** provides an in-depth examination of Northern Saskatchewan Aboriginal people's original culture and history. The workshop then looks at history within the last 70 years which brought significant changes to Aboriginal life in Northern Saskatchewan that resonates in issues today. **Workshop 2 – Current Issues for Northern Saskatchewan Aboriginal People** surveys contemporary issues impacting Aboriginal people's cultural, social and economic status today. Participants will learn about preferred approaches towards increased Aboriginal culture and socio-economic in today's context. Both workshops involve a blend of delivery methods ranging from brief lectures, case studies, videos and demonstrations. Workshops will be interactive so that participants can assimilate the information effectively.

### The Facilitators:



**Allan Adam** is Dene, originally from Uranium City/Fond du Lac and a member of Fond du Lac First Nation. Allan has lived over 40 years in the north. Allan has been a FSIN Vice Chief, band chief, university lecturer, broadcaster, accomplished athlete, Dene translator and communications business owner. Allan is in his second year of studies at Nortep working on his Native Studies degree. Allan has been a university instructor in Dene language, culture and history for 11 years as a Nortep instructor. Allan has been a translator for the courts in northern Dene Communities for Sask Justice. Allan speaks Dene fluently and is now learning to

speak Woodlands Cree. Allan is an experienced hunter, carver and skilled outdoorsman. Allan is currently a full-time NORPAC student studying at Nortep in La Ronge. Allan is a First Nation language community activist and co-founder of the First Language Speaking Project Inc. Allan continues to be employed as a Nortep sessional lecturer and is preparing for a career in law.

**Cathy Wheaton** is bi-cultural Woodlands Cree/European and a member of Lac La Ronge Indian Band. Cathy has lived 25 years in the north. Cathy is the mother of three and has a BA in Native Studies from



the University of Saskatchewan. Cathy has published articles on Indigenous pedagogy and First Nation history and taught at First Nations University for several years as a sessional lecturer in Indigenous Studies. Her professional background has been mainly in Aboriginal employment and post-secondary education including two years as the Manager of Employment Programs for Sask Corrections. Cathy is learning to speak the Woodlands Cree language and has a keen interest in Woodlands culture particularly preparation of wild game, hunting and fishing. Cathy is a First Nation language community activist and co-founder of the First

Language Speaking Project Inc. Cathy is currently working as a Research Assistant at New North in La Ronge.

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