



Witsuwit'en Language & Culture Society

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JOB POSTING

Witsuwit'en Language Revitalization Specialist

The Witsuwit'en Language and Culture Society is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization that seeks to promote the revitalization of the Witsuwit'en language and culture to ensure the survival of our ways of being as a distinct people for future generations.

We are looking for a Language Revitalization Specialist with strong organizational and interpersonal skills with a Bachelor of Social Work with fluency in the Witsuwit'en Language to support and encourage learners and speakers to share and develop oral fluency.

Reports to: WLCS Executive Director

SCOPE

As a highly skilled and motivated professional who possesses specialized knowledge and expertise in language revitalization, the LRS: utilizes their experience to develop and deliver the training for fluent community speakers while promoting the Distinctly Witsuwit'en Orthography that captures the dialect of our region and the ancestors. LRS fills the gap in services as members have negative life experience that prevent them from connecting to the supports and services that are readily available through mainstream.

Responsibilities:

Counselling, Emotional support, with Language and Cultural support

Many of the clients are:

- Former Indian Residential School Students and their families
- Former Indian Day school Students and their families
- And not limited to family members of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and their family

Main Activities

- Develop language curriculum and delivery methodology
- Develop resources and assessment tools related to the program
- Ensure availability of required resources for cultural activities for students and staff
- Identify areas of need or areas in need of further enhancement related to the language revitalization program
- Assist in recruitment of language mentors and apprentices with internship opportunities
- Provide on-going support and encouragement to students and staff
- Administration

Competencies and Qualifications

- Bachelor of Social Work preferred, or equivalent experience related to the posting (Social Work, Social Services, Science and Health)
- Fluent in Witsuwit'en with knowledge to promote Distinctly Witsuwit'en Orthography
- Knowledge and understanding of culture and values in a Witsuwit'en context.
- Excelled leadership, management, motivation, and problem-solving skills.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills (written and oral)
- Able to work effectively with others and to work independently.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality.
- Willing to travel to other Witsuwit'en communities as required.
- This job description is not intended to be all-inclusive. The employee may perform other related duties as required to meet the ongoing needs of the organization.

Contract Duration: Starting As Soon As Possible

Wage: \$32-35/hour 35 hours/week

Closing Date: Wednesday July 14, 2021 430PM

Please Submit your resume and cover letter to the Witsuwit'en Language & Culture Society in person at 204 Beaver Road or email Karen Plasway to executivedirector@niwhkinic.org

ONLY THOSE APPLICANTS CHOSEN FOR INTERVIEW WILL BE CONTACTED