



# FIRST NATIONS LANGUAGE KEEPERS GATHERING



## CALL FOR PRESENTERS

November 21 & 22, 2018 | Saskatoon Inn & Conference Centre | Saskatoon, SK Canada

The Saskatchewan Indigenous Cultural Centre will host the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual First Nations Language Keepers Gathering (FNLKG) November 21-22, 2018 in Saskatoon. This national gathering provides an opportunity for First Nations to share best practices and community-based innovations in the revitalization and retention of First Nations languages and cultures. This gathering will bring together a wide array of language professionals and cultural experts to explore, share, learn and discuss the aspects of language preservation, promotion and protection.

### Theme

The 2018 theme is **Language First: Keep the Spirit Alive**. Our goal is to share and profile First Nations language initiatives as well as recognizing relevant and new models of community-based knowledge. We invite contributions from the community as well as from researchers, teachers and scholars that explore, profile and demonstrate the application of traditional and contemporary development to:

- Collaborate on First Nations language research, teaching and learning initiatives rooted and sustained in the community.
- Teach methodologies and resources reflective of linguistic, social and cultural contexts and diversities.
- Engage in best practices of First Nations community engagement especially of those that inspire youth to learn and maintain their language in order to strengthen First Nations identity.
- Learn from historical and contemporary perspectives by offering opportunities for dialogue around First Nations language initiatives and priorities such as policy, curriculum, legislation, management and retention issues.

### Target Audience

The gathering is primarily attended by educators, language instructors, Elders, linguists, storytellers and knowledge keepers within First Nations communities.

### Workshop Structure

Each workshop will be 60 minutes in length. Priority will be given to presenters that incorporate their First Nations language and focus on the gathering theme.

### Submission Guidelines

Please keep in mind the following guidelines:

1. Applications will only be accepted electronically to [conference@sicc.sk.ca](mailto:conference@sicc.sk.ca)
2. Submissions are due by September 30, 2018 and should include:
  - a. Workshop title
  - b. Name of presenter(s) and 100 word biography of presenter(s)
  - c. A 200 word abstract including content and description of presentation objective
  - d. Description of the learning outcomes of the session
3. The Committee reserves the right to request modifications to the presentation
4. Presenters will be advised of the Committee's decision by October 15, 2018
5. Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Registration fees will be waived for up to two (2) presenters. The SICC looks forward to receiving your submissions and thanks everyone in advance for your interest in the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual First Nations Language Keepers Gathering.

For more information about the First Nations Language Keepers Gathering, please visit us online at:

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