



FNLKC Conference Workshop Presenter

Workshop Title: Kà Ganawenindamodjig Kitigan Zibi Anishinàbemowin: Language Camp
Name of Presenters: Laurie Decontie

Biography: Laurie Decontie is an Algonquin from the Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation Reserve (Located near the town of Maniwaki, Quebec). She is a proud mother to her two children Gavin & Alyssa. In 2002, Laurie graduated from Algonquin College with an Early Childhood Education diploma. Ms. Decontie worked for approximately eight years as an Educator at the Wazason Daycare in her community. For the past five years Laurie has worked at The Algonquin Anishinabeg Nation Tribal Council as the Curriculum Developer, carrying out various language & cultural projects involving all Algonquin Nations for participation.

Abstract: This presentation will share on various developments including information on Kà Ganawenindamodjig Kitigan Zibi Anishinàbemowin (Language Keepers of the Garden River Dialect) is a committee consisting of volunteer-based members who have created resources such as: Algonquin Verb-o bingos, cultural activities, a scavenger hunt (using our Algonquin dictionary), audio voice recordings by our Elders, which are available on our community radio station and online. This presentation will also share the presenter's experience of a language camp that took place in Kitigan Zibi, Quebec July 29-30, 2017 with activities and games for all ages using the community's Algonquin dialect. This workshop will also discuss the latest project currently in creation based on the Algonquin Picture Dictionary-Anishinabe Keronan Masinazowin Mazinahigan which are colorful and, culturally based drawings of 400+ Algonquin words with the hope of creating a CD or app down the road.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this workshop, delegates will:

- Through information sharing, generate ideas to become a part of your community
- Understand that volunteering is a great learning experience when involving your language & cultural practice
- Begin creating community involvement
- Be aware of easy to use and helpful resource tool involving Indigenous cultural based pictures, written Algonquin dialect and audio voice recordings