

SICC FNLKC Abstract

Workshop Title: Youth Engagement in Lakota Country: Success Stories from the Language Movement

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Elliot Tinker began learning the Lakota language as a young adult and now works with communities in North and South Dakota on the maintenance and revitalization of their language. Elliot studied Linguistics at the University of London and believes in the power of solidarity between endangered language communities as a means of fighting the tide of linguistic homogeneity.

Abstract: The culmination of the Lakota Language Consortium's decade of dedication to revitalizing the Lakota language, the Owóksape eLearning Portal incorporates the most advanced technologies that are currently used by online learning platforms, and fulfills an urgent need for technologically innovative approaches to the issue of Lakota language loss. The Owóksape (literally the "learning place") complements conventional language teaching and also empowers youth, adults and families to learn out of school. The aim of this and other projects by the Lakota Language Consortium is to ensure future generations have access to language in its full linguistic and cultural richness.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this workshop, participants will:

- Learn about the Lakota Language Consortium
- Learn about the Owóksape eLearning Portal
- Learn about how to incorporate this into the classroom