Communicating & Understanding Treaties: Responsibilities of Generations to Come

LCAC: Modern Treaties & Reconciliation

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Why & Why Not?

- Why do we need to have a targeted effort on engaging the next generation of leaders? Why is this important?
- Lack of capacity is pushing new leaders to the forefront & they need to have a thorough understanding of the spirit & intent of the agreements
- There is an apparent lack of knowledge and history of the agreements amidst our younger generations who are "born into" its legacy.
- We are not succession planning broadly enough within our communities.
- Internal dynamics may make it difficult to engage with local self-governments.
- The future leaders are not being brought in or they are being intentionally kept out.

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GROUND RULES

- Whose voice are we seeking?

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KEY QUESTIONS

1. Who is already doing this work? What initiatives currently exist to incite the next generation to leadership? Is there work occurring which we should amplify?
2. How do we go about getting the next generation interested?
3. Who do we need to communicate to and who needs to communicate it?

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CONSIDERATIONS

- Where is the gap?
- What is the target age group?
- Who are we hoping to get involved?
- Is it a mock UN? School curriculum? A guidebook/toolkit? A bi-annual seminar?
- How do we capture the INTENT of the agreements?
- How do we get the next generation ENGAGED on a deeper level?
- Where do we track, record and relay the history of how we got here?
- How do our people learn? What is the best way to teach?

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How will we follow up?
Post workshop thoughts?

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