**4A Building the Next Generation of Leaders: Nov. 15th, 2017 1:15 to 2:45**

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Notes:

In order to know where you are going you need to know where you come from. Understand the generations that went before you. What do we need as the new generation going forward, we should have a seat at the table, we need to hear the voices of the incredible young people out there. There is a gap in the engagement of young people, involve them. The knowledge of our history and land claims agreements need to be in the education system. Young people need support.

Create youth councils.

Issue for youth that need to leave their communities to attend university and need supports in the city. Youth networks need to be supported. Youth are not at these types of conferences, youth need to be exposed to Indigenous issues. Reconciliation needs to include the participation of youth.

Include youth in community events and make space for kids to be involved and participate in community. Create mentoring programs for youth in all types of areas. Listen to the youth, they also carry stories, teachings and song. Make efforts to understand each others perspective.

Hurt people hurt people. We need to start saying Empower young people to empower young people. Instill traditions in modern education. Educate youth on negotiations and treaties. Teach students about your nation constitution, we need to remove funding barriers to youth wanting to access education.

Make mentoring mandatory in your organizations.

Young people need to feel ownership of their traditions and communities. Support young people and understand what is important to them. Provide young people with meaningful experiences and internships.