

# Learning Our Way

Learning Circles for Transformative Reconciliation in Health Professional Education and Practice



*“There is something different about “living the journey” and experiencing the physical challenges to understand the experience of others for patients and families and community members.”*

*2023 participant*

## THE PROJECT

The Learning Our Way project aims to address systemic racism and promote health equity for Indigenous peoples through field schools led by Indigenous Knowledge Holders. This three-year project, funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), is a partnership between, Wuikinuxv, Kwakiutl, Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k:tlles7et'h', and Huu-ay-aht communities and North Island College.

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### FALL ACTIVITIES

September 2023 Our First Field school took place in the Village of Kitat.

November 2023, the Learning Our Way team visited Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k:tlles7et'h' to plan an upcoming field school in Houpsitas

### UPCOMING – WHAT'S NEXT?

Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k:tlles7et'h' will be hosting a field school May 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> in Houpsitas. We are just in the process of recruiting participants for this field school so please let us know if you are interested.

### MORE INFORMATION?

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## Learning Our Way: Year 1

Our first field school was hosted by Wuikinuxv in September 2023. Eight healthcare professionals from the North Island and the lower mainland attended, learning about health and wellness from the Wuikinuxv people and the land. They shared stories aimed at building healing relationships and better understandings. We are in the process of gathering and learning from the feedback we received from both participants in the field school and community members who contributed to the learning experience.

## Community Partners

Wuikinuxv First Nation  
Kwakiutl First Nation  
Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k:tlles7et'h' First Nation  
Huu-ay-aht First Nation

## Research Partners

North Island College Center for Applied  
Research and Innovation

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## Learning Our Way Year 2

Two more field schools are being planned for the spring and summer of 2024, Unfortunately, Huu-ay- aht won't be able to host a field school this year but will continue to remain involved with the potential of hosting field schools in the future.

## Houpsitas Field School planned for May 2024



**Please contact us if you would like more details  
about upcoming learning opportunities**

We continue to gather feedback with the intention of working towards a sustainable model for offering community-led field schools for health professionals in the future.

## Project Leads



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