



## Facilitator Bios



### **ńaasʔaʔuk - John Rampanen**

ńaasʔaʔuk is of nuučaañuʔ (Nuu-chah-nulth) ancestry along the western coast of Vancouver Island. His lineage stems from ʕaḥuusʔaḥ and qıʕcmaʔaḥ roots. ńaasʔaʔuk is a trained linguist and language/culture revitalization advocate. He is fluent in the nuučaañuʔ language and is involved in curriculum development, design and delivery for language and cultural learning environments. ńaasʔaʔuk is an Art of Hosting and Appreciative Inquiry practitioner that facilitates with a uniquely indigenous approach. He is also a father of eight beautiful children and enjoys composing and playing music.



### **Barry Indian**

A member of Onigaming First Nation in Ontario; he's a certified Developmental Service Worker that worked with Kenora Association for Community Living with special needs in all fields. He attained a degree in Education from Confederation College in Thunder Bay, Ontario and worked in the school system with high-risk youth, and as an Ojibway Language teacher and Part-time Social Worker. Barry currently facilitates with the Indigenous Leadership Development Institute, Inc., and Empowering Indigenous Youth in Governance and Leadership sharing his knowledge of public speaking as a former toastmaster, and training in the Art of Hosting, Managing the Media, Facilitator training, Train the Trainer.



### **Pawatsqwachitl Haiyupis**

Pawa is a member of the Ahousaht First Nation on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. Pawa facilitates large and small group conversations. For over 10 years Pawa has worked with Indigenous nations across Canada. Based on the collective wisdom of the youth along with the advice and guidance of Elders, Pawa develops & implements programs that connect youth and communities to language, ceremony, children, healthy families, & a respectful relationship with all of Creation in our territories. She is an Art of Hosting steward, mentor, apprentice and slam poet.



**Delma Autut**

Delma is an Inuk woman from Igluligaarjuk, Chesterfield Inlet, Nunavut, currently residing in Iqaluit. She is the Policy Development Program Coordinator with the Inuit Employment Initiatives division of the Government of Nunavut and co-owner of Mamitsiivik Consulting, an organization that delivers Mental Health First Aid Inuit training. Delma is currently the only facilitator for the Peer Leader Mental Health Program. Her passion is delivering mental wellness programs that are culturally safe and appropriate for Nunavummiut by Nunavummiut. Delma trains youth within several Nunavut communities to become Peer Leader Mental Health Program Facilitators.



**Andrew Carrier – BA, RPT, CHRP**

Andrew is a Registered Professional Trainer and a Certified Human Resource Practitioner. Andrew completed his career with the Province of Manitoba and has over 30 years of experience within the Metis, First Nation and Persons with Disabilities non-profit organizations that include: The Indigenous Leadership Development Institute, Manitoba Metis Federation, The Truth and Reconciliation – Governing Circle, the Indian and Metis Friendship Centre of Winnipeg and the Canadian Paraplegic Association.



**Jaylene Delorme-Buggins**

Jaylene is Chipewyan/Cree from Yellowknives Dene First Nations. Jaylene is the National Youth Rep for the Native Woman’s Association of Canada (NWAC); The North Regional Rep and NWT Youth Rep. for the Native Woman’s Association of the NWT. She is NWT Youth Ambassador for the GNWT and is part of the Young Women’s Leadership Council. Jaylene is a strong and inspiring voice for young Indigenous girls and 2 Spirit People. Jaylene is culturally connected and ties that with her facilitation work and is starting to learn her language from her father. Jaylene, a recovering addict, advocates for awareness on mental health issues, addictions and teen suicide. She had to endure many hardships in life to get to where she is today; Jaylene brings a powerful unique voice and insight to the table for youth across Canada through her experiences and healing journey.



### **Patrick Wood**

Patrick is a member of the Pimicikamak Cree Nation located in Northern Manitoba. Patrick currently resides in his home community of Cross Lake employed as a Manager of Protection Services at Nikan Awasisak Agency Inc; Child & Family Services. Patrick also sits as the Board Chair of Directors at Empowering Indigenous Youth in Governance & Leadership. His passion to help others also allowed him to do internship work with the Hamilton AIDS Network in Hamilton, Ont. and abroad in New Delhi, India for 6 months working in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India under the National Institute of Social Defense.

Patrick is a strong believer of Volunteerism and giving back.



### **Ken Whitecloud**

Ken, from Sioux Valley Dakota Nation and former Chief (1996 – 2008) has over 20 years of experience relative to negotiations, political and legal areas which affect First Nations. Ken lobbied First Nations communities in an effort to gain a collaborative approach relevant to directives set out in Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs resolutions, lobbied government officials to advance the political rights in relation to jurisdictions, self-government, treaty and Aboriginal rights, human rights, consultation rights, fiscal relations, taxation and other policy implications. Ken was Political Advisor with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs for four years; Director of health Services with Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council, Sioux Valley Dakota First Nation Band Councillor, and Director of Culture and Recreation with Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council.

### **Susan Swan**



Susan, from Lake Manitoba First Nation was the first Aboriginal female police officer to be employed with the Winnipeg Police Service graduating from the Police Academy in 1987. At the time of her retirement in 2012, Susan had achieved the rank of Sergeant and was responsible for supervising a platoon in one of the most high-profile districts in the city of Winnipeg. Susan was part of the National Aboriginal Justice Learning Network Committee which was a tool designed to provide advice to the Deputy Minister of Justice. She also participated in Ministerial round table discussions for children at risk and gang strategy. Susan developed and delivered a gang prevention program designed for First Nation Youth throughout their respective communities.



### **Ron Linklater**

Ron, now retired has been employed with the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba since 1996. As a Prevention Education Consultant, his job entailed training and skills development for people in the helping field to networking with other addiction service providers in meeting the needs of clients that are impacted by alcohol, drugs and problem gambling. From 1991 to 1996, Ron worked in Ottawa as the National Native Alcohol Drug Program Regional Consultant; prior to that he worked in Thunder Bay as an alcohol and drug counsellor and later a coordinator for a young adult treatment program. Ron has over 30 years of experience working in the addictions field. Ron's formal education includes a BA from Lakehead University and a Certificate in Native

Counselling from Confederation College in Thunder Bay, ON.



### **Theodore Fontaine**

Theodore (Ted) is a member and former chief of the Sagkeeng Ojibway First Nation in Manitoba. He attended the Fort Alexander and Assiniboia Indian Residential Schools from 1948 to 1960. As a youth, he played senior hockey across Western Canada before moving north to direct a mineral exploration crew in the Northwest Territories, a formative experience that set him on a lifelong path toward self-discovery and healing. Theodore graduated in civil engineering from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in 1973 and went on to work extensively in the corporate, government and First Nations sectors, including eleven years with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs as an advisor and executive director. He has served in leadership and voluntary roles with organizations such as the Banff Centre for Management, Peace Hills Trust, the Indigenous Leadership Development Institute, the Manitoba Museum, the Victorian Order of Nurses and Palliative Care Manitoba. Theodore is a regular speaker and media commentator on Indian residential schools and has presented his bestselling memoir, *Broken Circle*, to more than 350 audiences in Canada and the United States. He continues to break new ground by supporting other survivors and by seeking reconciliation directly with those who were perpetrators of his abuse.

### **Ainjil Hunt**



Ainjil is a leading change strategist, speaker and international facilitator. As the principal owner of Transformation International for the past 11 years, Ainjil has seen success in developing the Transformation business model to parallel social and economic development in First Nation communities, organizations and businesses. Ainjil is Kwakwak'wakw from the Namgis First Nation with roots in Alaska. Ainjil has a BA in Social Work, Public Sector Management and Indigenous Governance, and is a certified language technologist in Neuro Linguistic Programming and Time Line Therapy, certified in Huna Level III, and is currently completing a MA Degree in Business Administration from Simon Fraser University Beedie School of Business.

### **Ken Bighetty**



Ken, from Mathias Colomb Cree Nation, MB is a fluent speaker of the Neehetow (Cree) language. Ken currently works as the Community Wellness Coordinator, Keewatin Tribal Council. Ken experienced life off the land since age four. As Ken grew into a young man he found the need to preserve stories as told by the Elders which he does to this day. At age 12 Ken told himself that when he grew up he would open a drop in centre. After graduating from university he did just that and opened a drop in Center. The crime rate went from 77 Young offenders charged to only 19 in a year. Ken ran the drop in centre for 8 years. Today, Ken with his brothers is respectfully known for their Cree puppets. They toured throughout Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta where they perform in the Cree language to children, youth, and elders in Indigenous communities.

### **Michael Roy Denny**



Michael, from Eskasoni Mi'kmaw Nation is a well-respected young person and knowledge keeper. He is a fluent speaker of the Mi'kmaq language and an avid supporter of the Mi'kmaq culture. He is an active volunteer in his home community of Eskasoni with the community powwow and cultural events. He is a singer and dancer of the traditional Mi'kmaq dance, Ko'jua. He is also a respected Powwow singer and dancer. Since 2002, Michael R. has been the drum keeper and lead singer for one of Atlantic Canada's premier singing groups, Stoney Bear Singers. As a drum keeper, he upholds the most respect and honours the drums' teachings. Michael provides services such as cultural sensitivity training, cultural workshops, organizing cultural events, powwow singing/dancing, Ji'kmaqnn making, traditional songs, dance workshops (Ko'jua), and emceeing events within Cape Breton, and the Atlantic Provinces. He is a well-known powwow MC in the Atlantic Provinces. In 2010, he started working with Indian Residential School survivors as a Resolution Health Support Worker. This position is very dear to his heart as his father is an Indian Residential School Survivor, along with his aunts.



### **Mona Buors**

Mona for over 25 years has held several volunteer positions within the Métis Nation. Her professional career has been as an educator with the Manitoba Teachers' Society and the BC Teachers' Federation. Throughout her 35 year career she had the pleasure to teach all grades kindergarten to Grade 12. For the last 20 years of her teaching career she taught in the metis Community of St. Laurent where culture and language was always part of the curriculum and utmost importance to this Metis community. Completely bilingual, she is also a translator for many literary books. She has been married for 42 years and has two children and three grandsons who are proud to live their culture and heritage. She has passed down her oral traditions of language, culture and spirituality to her grandsons, daughter and son.



### **Samantha Tugak-Brown**

Samantha is an Inuk from Rankin Inlet, Nunavut. Samantha moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba to pursue a post-secondary education in Indigenous governance. She received her 2 year diploma from the Aboriginal Self-Government program at Red River College and is working to complete her BA at the University of Winnipeg Indigenous Governance program. Samantha is a member of the youth group Empowering Indigenous Youth in Governance and Leadership (EIYGL) as well as the Manitoba Urban Inuit Association (MUIA). Samantha currently works at the Kivalliq Mine Training Society as an Executive Assistant. Samantha is a proud mother to twin girls, and a throat singer and embraces her Inuit culture. She enjoys sewing, singing, and learning. Samantha has a passion for helping others and aspires to become an elected leader in Nunavut once she completes her education.