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CANADA

Diversity, Race Relations and Inclusivity Award Nomination Form

NOMINEE INFORMATION


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Category: (check one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Small business/small labour (49 or fewer employees/members)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporations/large business/large labour (50 or more employees/members)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Institutions (public or private)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/community services (including Not-for-Profits), education and training	
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth/young adult groups or organizations	

INITIATIVE INFORMATION (attach additional sheets or supporting material as required)

Program initiative: <u>Kizhaay Anishinaabe Niin (I am a kind Man)</u>
Date of implementation: <u>July 2010</u>
Key department(s) or committees involved: <u>Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship centres outreach and volunteer programs at Atlohsa.</u>
Key people involved: <u>Dennis Whiteye</u>
Description of initiative: <u>Please see attached pages 3 & 4.</u>
How has the initiative contributed to the promotion of diversity, anti-racism, inclusivity and human rights in London and promoting London as a welcoming city?

What short or long-term impact has/will the initiative have on the promotion of diversity, anti-racism, inclusivity and human rights in London and promoting London as a welcoming city?
What is the potential for expansion and/or inspiration for replication of the initiative?
How can receiving this Award be used to further promote diversity, anti-racism, inclusivity and human rights in London and to further promote London as a welcoming city?

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Note: By signing this form you are hereby confirming that the Nominee has consented to the nomination.

Submissions must be received by September 30 to:

London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee
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Description of Initiative:

Kizhaay Anishinaabe Niin (an Ojibway phrase) translates to "I Am a Kind Man". At a time when violence is invading whole communities "I Am a Kind Man" reminds us that Indigenous teachings have never tolerated violence and abuse towards women.

The overall purpose of the Kizhaay Anishinaabe Niin Initiative is to engage men to speak out against all forms of abuse towards women by providing education, re-establishing traditional roles and responsibilities, inspiring men to engage other men to get involved and stop abuse, and providing support for Native men who choose to live non-violently.

How has the initiative contributed to the promotion of diversity, anti-racism, inclusivity, and human rights in London and promoting London as a welcoming city?

The Kizhaay Anishinaabe Niin initiative promotes cultural awareness and pride by including London residents in cultural events, pow wows and socials and by provides non-native individuals and communities with increased cultural sensitivity and a more thorough understanding of colonialism and decolonization. This initiative promotes the implementation of the UN declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and demonstrates that human rights and anti-violence are values that are important to the communities that reside in the London, ON.

This initiative also promotes London as a city that cares about Indigenous people and the safety, protection, and well-being of Indigenous women. It promotes London as a city that does not tolerate violence and racism.

What short or long term impact has/will the initiative have on the promotion of diversity, anti-racism, inclusivity and human rights in London and promoting London as a welcoming city?

The Kizhaay Anishinaabe Niin Program has already had both short and long term impacts that promote London as a diverse city by empowering Indigenous men to be role models for youth by demonstrating their passion and commitment to ending violence against Indigenous women and girls as well as all women. This initiative has made a short term impact by increasing local awareness of the epidemic of violence against women and girls, specifically Indigenous women. It has also made a long term impact in the lives of residents by demonstrating that London is a city that is actively building a community that takes care of each other and holds each other responsible for our actions.

What is the potential for expansion and/or inspiration for replication of the initiative?

The Kizhaay Anishinaabe Niin initiative has been steadily expanding since Atlohso Native Family Healing Services was chosen as a pilot site in July 2010, and it has infinite potential. Dennis Whiteye actively promotes the replication of the initiative in local communities, as well as making the program accessible to incarcerated individuals. Dennis has also been integral to the birthing of a Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's Eagle Staff and will continue to work with the families of local Indigenous women who have been murdered to honour them by adding a feather to the staff in ceremony.

How can receiving this Award be used to further promote diversity, anti-racism, inclusivity and human rights in London and to further promote London as a welcoming city?

The reception of this award will create further awareness of missing and murdered women as well as the healing work being undertaken by the men involved in Kiizhay Anishinaabe Niin. It will inspire and empower others to live in a way that is consistent with the anti-racist values and human rights. It will also make London better known as a city that is inclusive of Indigenous peoples in a global sense, and a community that seeks to address the root causes of violence against Indigenous women. This award will also increase the cultural sensitivity of London residents and respect for Indigenous nations locally and Indigenous people in general that reside in London by increasing public awareness of issues that uniquely impact Indigenous people.