



Indigenous Perspectives Society Partnership Application

Indigenous Perspectives Society (IPS) is a leading training provider advancing education, knowledge and understanding of Indigenous perspectives and best practices when working with Indigenous Peoples. IPS provides training for individuals and organizations in the public, private and non-profit sectors, working with and serving Indigenous peoples.

IPS works to strengthen the lives and contribute to the self-determination of Indigenous peoples through culturally relevant training, research, and policy that advances and supports Indigenous children, youth and families to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

For over 25 years, IPS has demonstrated knowledge, innovation and advocacy in areas of Indigenous Cultural Perspectives and Indigenous Child and Family Welfare.

ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

IPS is located on and operates from the southern tip of Vancouver Island, in the ancestral territories of the Lkwungen (Lekwungen) People, also known as the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations communities. Victoria and Langford, the San Juan, and the Gulf Islands are the traditional territories of the Lkwungen peoples. Lkwungen means “place to smoke herring”, Lkwung means “to smoke herring” and Lkwungen’athun refers to the language of the land. Lkwungen traditionally and still to-date unites the Esquimalt and Songhees peoples as one family.

We acknowledge and give thanks to the Songhees and Esquimalt communities for allowing us to live, work and play on their lands. We also give thanks to the ancestors, supernatural ones, hereditary leaders and matriarchs, creatures big and small for looking after the rich resources and cultural teachings of this beautiful land. IPS humbly and gratefully shares this area with the neighbouring relations of Schian’exw (Beecher Bay), Ts’ouke (Sooke), Pauquachin, Tsawout and Tsartlip, Tseycum and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples.

IPS VALUES

Our WAY OF BEING as an organization is defined and enriched by the diverse cultures of Indigenous peoples. In all that we do, we will:

1. Honour the right to self-determination of all Indigenous people
2. Demonstrate leadership through culturally grounded innovative and sustainable growth
3. Honour the wisdom and contribution of each person and organization with whom we engage
4. Continually challenge ourselves and aspire to the highest level of learning and performance
5. Demonstrate accountability, transparency and respect

SUSTAINABILITY

IPS respects our connection with and relationship to the land and sea. We have a zero-waste workplace policy, which means we compost and recycle everything. We are passionate about being mindful of our impact on our environment. We conserve power and do our best to reduce, reuse, recycle, and rethink! IPS has received the Gold Certificate 2015, Vancouver Island Green Business Award 2020, 2019, Climate Smart Business Award 2012 and were Surfrider Ecostar Awards Finalists in 2017.



PARTNERSHIP PRINCIPLES

IPS recognizes the importance of building strong and effective partnerships to meet our organizational goals. We want to work in a mutually beneficial relationship with our partners towards shared objectives that align with our values, non-profit social enterprise business model and markets. While we recognize and honor that each partnership is unique, our foundational partnership principles include; collaboration, respect, inclusion and appreciation of diverse practices, gender identities and perspectives, positive community benefits, supports and opportunities and empowerment of Indigenous children, youth, women and families.

The gift of working together in partnership is continued learning and growth through our relationships. Continued growth and development ensure IPS is actively practicing and demonstrating our values. IPS works with local community partners on Lkwungen territories, throughout B.C., and with National and International partners to provide a comprehensive range of opportunities that enhance our services and the IPS brand while engaging our team in work that benefits Indigenous, children, youth, families and communities.

IPS STRENGTHS & CAPACITIES

- Expertise in training delivery for public audiences of all backgrounds
- Research, policy and process development for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Government, non-profit and community entities
- Corporate knowledge of MCFD and Delegated Aboriginal Agency network in British Columbia
- Host of accredited training and higher education programs
- Established and trusted service provider, experienced in contract management and consulting

This partnership application is being submitted by:

And on behalf of individual or organization name:

Contact information:

Address:

Phone number:

Email contact:



Please provide a short summary of who you are and what you do? What kind of organization or business are you? Please feel free to include website link:

Please list your top three reasons for pursuing a partnership with IPS:

1.

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Please answer Y/N to the following questions:

- **Are you familiar with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action? Answer:**
- **Have you or your organization taken steps to understand and align activities or strategies with the TRC recommendations? Answer:**
- **Have you or has your organization worked with Indigenous people, communities or organizations before? Answer:**

Please add additional comments in response to these questions:



What partnership strengths, capacities or knowledge will you bring to this partnership?

Date:

Signature:

- Please send this signed and completed form to: KarmanI@ipsociety.ca and RachelleD@ipsociety.ca
- In the subject line, please use: 'New Partner Application'