

THE INDIGEMIND

CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAM

Encouraging the next generation of Indigenous Youth Climate Action leaders

WHAT DO WE DO

Based out of the Victoria Native Friendship Centre and founded by Tony Cecchetti & Nadia Salmaniw in 2021, the IndigeMind Climate Action program is a one of a kind, transformative, and unique land-based program designed for Indigenous youth both on and off reserve

*IndigeMind Logo Description:
As our ancestors have paved a pathway for us, it's our responsibility to continue to learn and teach future generations about land stewardship, community connections and how we can offer our gifts to the world, in a heart centred way.*



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CORE PILLARS OF INDIGEMIND

1. Cultural Revitalization through land-based programming
2. Improved mental, physical, and spiritual well-being of Indigenous youth
3. Exposure to career and educational pathways within the climate action space in order to increase Indigenous engagement

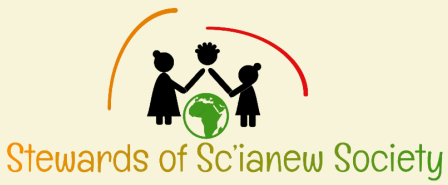


RAVE Drop-In Logo

Through a combination of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and western science, participants will learn practical skills to increase the adaptive capacity of their home communities

OUR PARTNERS AND COLLABORATORS

We express our gratitude to all who have helped make this vision a reality



OUR VALUES, COMMITMENTS...

RECONCILIATION IN ACTION

Putting belief to practice and creating a safe space of learning, cultural immersion, and reconnection

LAND-BASED LEARNING

Learning on the land creates opportunities not otherwise presented in mainstream academia

TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE

TEK serves as a pathway for youth to reconnect with culture and is the heart of the IndigeMind program

SCHOOL RECOGNITION

Recognizing land-based learning and cultural knowledge as a form of academic credit

AND COLLECTIVE PURPOSE

CULTURAL REVITALIZATION & ECO-CULTURAL RESTORATION

Engage youth with traditional foods, hunting/fishing practices, and medicinal plant knowledge taught by elders on the land

EDUCATION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Create pathways and mentorship for further involvement in climate action work/schooling through an indigenous lens

CAPACITY BUILDING & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Build tool kits to take knowledge back to home communities and engage others in climate action projects



SAVE OUR PLANET!



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