

Dr. Linda Many Guns



Linda is a Blackfoot woman born on the Tsu Tina Nation, now registered at Siksika. She is grandmother to five children. She grew up in Europe as an airforce brat. In her adult life sought out and now embraces the Blackfoot culture as the core of her identity. In early years she worked as a high steel construction worker, is a Red Seal Chef, a union leader for CUPE, ran in the provincial NDP elections for Red Deer South and owned two restaurants in Utah.

Linda earned 4 degrees: (BA Sociology; MA Sociology; LLB University of Ottawa and a PhD in Philosophy from Trent University). She was awarded the second-year sociology award for her undergraduate degree. In law school, fellow students nominated her for the Karim Green Spon award for outstanding achievement. Her national projects include getting recognition for the Eagle Feather to swear oaths in the Courts of Canada. She also worked at the Indian Lands Claims Commission in Ottawa. She has been a professor teaching Indigenous law, Indigenous Health and Community development for over ten years, and supervises Phd Students and helps MA students in a variety of unique research studies.

Sean McEwen



Sean McEwen is currently a Director of Employment Services at Calgary Alternative Support Services where he leads a team of 11 awesome Career Development professionals. For the past 21 years Sean has been working in Supported Employment and Supported Entrepreneurship service delivery and design in Calgary and with First Nation communities in Southern Alberta. Sean's Blackfoot (Niitsitapi) name is Otsskoi pi'kssii (blue bird).

As a Senior Consultant at RealEyes Capacity Consultants, Sean engages with service providers and businesses across Canada to build their capacity in Workplace Diversity and Inclusion. Through RealEyes, Sean has co-developed Career and Employment Inclusion Training for organizations facilitating employment services for job-seekers with disabilities. An avid proponent of collaboration and social innovation, Sean has helped developed social media campaigns and regional / provincial / national networks dedicated to the Employment Inclusion of people with disabilities.

Sean's educational background is in Youth Services and Mental Health and he is a Certified Employment Specialist.

Rosa Medicine Traveller



Rosa Medicine Traveller has been involved in First Nations, training and healing since the early 1980's. She is a member of the Siksika Nation.

Rosa has travelled to many First Nations communities across Canada to facilitate various healing workshops. The workshops Rosa offers are focused on empowerment, change and growth. When appropriate Rosa uses Traditional teachings, she has learned from the Elder's to assist with the group process in her workshops.

Rosa has been on the healing journey since 1979, she is a survivor of the damage and effects of the Residential School that has impacted many generations of the First Nation's communities.

Through this experience Rosa has the desire to share her knowledge and wisdom gained from her own healing journey. Rosa Received valuable teachings from both Traditional/Contemporary worlds. Her work shop titled **"Feeding Your Spirit"** explores the healing power of laughter.

Chance Bellegarde



Chance is a member of the Little Black Bear First Nation, located in Southern Saskatchewan. He and his family have made their home here in the traditional territory of Treaty 7 and is a father of three children. Chance has earned a diploma in Business Management and over the last 15 years has devoted much of his career to working with people that have experienced barriers to gaining meaningful employment. Chance gained his knowledge and understanding of Employment through working in the areas of Staffing/Recruitment, Education and Training and Career Consulting. In his spare time (and when it's warm enough), you can find him in his shop where he enjoys woodworking.

Careers and You – Finding our Roots

Through this workshop, Chance provides an Indigenous perspective on Career Development and leads a path to navigating career decision making based on traditional teachings and practices. Participants will gain an understanding of how their values have an impact on their success in finding and maintaining meaningful employment.