



The Indigenous Youth, Art, and Water Initiative

Caldwell First Nation

Organization description:

First Nation community in Southwestern Ontario

Location:

Leamington, Ontario

Young Indigenous Ambassador (YIA):

Anellah Orosz

Project Proposal:

The Caldwell First Nation Youth Advisory Committee will conduct a youth-led water song ceremony event to be held along the shores of Lake Erie with as many collaborating communities that are available to participate.

Art type:

Song

Community Water Issues:

Degradation of Lake Erie Water quality due to human activity (farming with fertilizer causing algae blooms, industrial shipping causing erosion and chemical spills) and climate change. Invasive species such as zebra mussels and Chinese carp. Lack of access to Lake Erie impacting prevention of traditional cultural practices, traditional ways of life, cultural transmission.
