



# The Indigenous Youth, Art, and Water Initiative

## Native Children's Survival

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### Organization description:

Nonprofit Indigenous Peoples Organization in special consultative status with United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

### Location:

Powell River, BC

### Young Indigenous Ambassador (YIA):

Ta'Kaiya Blaney and Ace Harry

### Project Proposal:

Native Children's Survival seeks to create visual art, music, and cultural storytelling about Tiskwat river histories and grow a community-based, youth-led Indigenous river restoration movement in Tla'amin territory.

### Art type:

Visual art, music, storytelling

### Community Water Issues:

The salmon run is impacted by the imposition of a dam on Tiskwat river. As a place of gathering and economy, its waters once contained a keystone relationship to Tla'amin, Klahoose, and Xwemalhkwu sister nations. Tiskwat was historically home to the second-largest salmon run on the west coast of North America. Extractive industry such as dams and paper mills have had a major impact on the Tiskwat river.

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