



The Indigenous Youth, Art, and Water Initiative

Native Children's Survival

Organization description:

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

Location:

Powell River, BC

Young Indigenous Ambassadors (YIAs):

Ta'Kaiya Blaney, 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 Xwemalkwu 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.
