

Uniting and Empowering Indigenous Peoples through Digital Technologies

Certiport PATHWAYS Conference

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Friday, July 31st 2009

8:00 – 9:00	Registration (Also available Thursday July 30 th from 2:30 – 9:00 PM)
9:00 – 9:30	Opening Prayers and Welcome
9:30 – 12:00	Understanding and Transcending the Challenges of the Digital Divide <p>The growing gap in digital literacy of Indigenous Peoples worldwide remains a critical challenge, as well as a unique opportunity. This gap includes digital literacy, participatory media, social networking, as well as, effective Internet access. This session will focus on how best to transcend that digital divide to empower Indigenous Peoples with the knowledge and skills they need to participate in global issues as well as to build capacity within their own communities.</p>
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch <p>Attendees are on their own for lunch unless they have purchased a meal package.</p>
1:30 – 3:15	Emerging Digital Technologies for Building Just and Sustainable Communities <p>Storytelling remains an integral part of all Indigenous cultures. This session focuses on how Indigenous Peoples can utilize digital technologies to share and safely preserve their stories, develop their communities, and take coordinated actions on critical economic, social, environmental, cultural, healing and human rights challenges. Discussions will include information on how communities are using the latest open digital technologies to create just and lasting change. Focus will be on the tools to allow Indigenous Peoples to contribute their ancient wisdom, traditional knowledge and historical experience in concert with the rest of the human family to resolve issues impacting all life.</p>
3:30 – 5:15	Skilled To Serve and Succeed (S2S2): Integrating Digital literacy(IC3), Social Networking and Participatory Media <p>In this day and age, individuals who lack basic digital literacy skills can be compared with individuals who lacked reading literacy skills 30 years ago. Four out of every five jobs in Canada and the USA require digital literacy. This growing demand for digital knowledge and skills is not only critical for gaining employment, but is essential in every dimension of our personal and community well-being. The focus of this session is to introduce practical community and economic development opportunities available through S2S2 education, training and digital skills development. This includes the establishment of local and regional Learning Centers for digital literacy certification (IC3), social networking and the use of participatory media.</p>
7:00 – 9:30	An Evening Visit with Chickasaw Astronaut Commander John Herrington

Saturday, August 1st 2009

8:30 – 10:00	Opening Prayers, Welcome, Introductions and Networking
10:30 – 12:00	<p>Global Webinar: Uniting and Empowering Indigenous Peoples through Indig.e.Net, Digital Technologies and the Fourth Way</p> <p>The Four Worlds International Institute (FWII) envisions a new era of peace, well being and prosperity. This was foretold by ancient Indigenous prophecies and is embodied in the Reunion of the Condor and the Eagle Agreements and Unity Pacts signed by Indigenous representatives from countries with populations exceeding 57 million Indigenous Peoples.</p> <p>Realizing the Reunion of the Condor and the Eagle includes bridging the digital divide through digital literacy that gives a global voice to Indigenous Peoples via participatory media. The dawn of this new era is being further empowered by sharing and connecting the cultural, educational, spiritual, environmental wisdom and economic power of Indigenous Peoples via deep social networks and open technologies (Indig.e.Net) applied in a principle-centered way (the Fourth Way).</p> <p>At the heart of the Fourth Way and Indig.e.Net are Sixteen Principles for Developing a Sustainable and Harmonious World that integrate the wisdom of Indigenous Peoples with the best thinking of development practitioners from around the world and the latest advances in digital technologies.</p> <p>This global webinar convenes an international dialogue between leaders of cutting edge technologies and Indigenous wisdom, and webinar participants focusing on how science, technology and spirituality can be unified to create a more just and sustainable world for Indigenous Peoples and all members of the human family.</p>
12:00 – 1:30	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Attendees are on their own for lunch unless they have purchased a meal package.</p>
1:30 – 5:00	<p>Open Space: How Can We Utilize Digital Technologies to Co-Crete Just and Sustainable Communities?</p> <p>How do you see digital technologies supporting your efforts to make change? What ideas do you have? Bring your thoughts and projects to this powerful and simple session to self organize and turn your ideas into action. Open Space Technology runs on two fundamentals: passion and responsibility. Passion engages the participants in the room. Responsibility ensures things get done. This session lets us work collaboratively to formulate an agenda to address how we bring these new technologies into our communities.</p>
5:30 – 6:00	Pre-Gala Function (optional)
6:00 – 8:30	Gala Dinner and Keynote Address by Commander John Herrington (optional)
8:30 – 10:00	Post-Gala Function (optional)