Cultural Connections Cowichan and community partners invite you to take part in

“Understanding the Village”
Creating Cross Cultural Connections

Building Bridges: Understanding the Village
This workshop will set the stage of how the issues that we now face have come to be. It will give us the foundations we need to understand where we are now as a community and what we need to keep in mind as we work to strengthen our cultural relationships and work to build for the future.

We will cover history, differences in governance structures and the roles of traditional and cultural values. We will explore the in-depth affects if Residential Schools and Canada’s Assimilation and how they still affect our communities. This workshop is geared towards solutions rather than recrimination and is a perfect opportunity to ask honest questions, receive honest answers and can provoke emotional responses in participants.

The Way Forward
We will transition from Understanding the Village Moving from understanding the state our “Village” is currently in, we will learn and apply methods to help us move us forward, identify where we have come from, look and vision where we would like to go, discuss and explore what do we need in order to get there. The focus of this stage of the work will vary slightly based on the focus for representation of participants in the workshop. See dates for more information or contact for further clarification.

This opportunity will provide participants with
• tools to take into our daily workplaces, communities and families that will help us integrate and share the knowledge we have gained through this process
• an opportunity to ask tough questions

This workshop is for leaders, for people interested in developing deeper understanding, for people who are active, engaged, and committed to building healthy relationships, embracing diversity and working together to build community.

Dates for Spring 2015

Friday, February 27th 9am-3pm
Focus on educators – FULL

Friday, March 27th : 8:30-4:00
Location: Duncan United Church
246 Ingram Street, Duncan
Focus on educators, business, elected officials, community services, health, community members, service groups and community organizations

Register here for March 27: https://eventbrite.ca/event/15896978290/

Friday May 1st : 8:30–4:00
Location: St John's Church
163 First Street, Duncan
Focus on educators, businesses, elected officials, community services, health, community members, service groups, community and community organizations

Register here for May 1: https://eventbrite.ca/event/15898064539/

There are 20 spaces per workshop that are fully sponsored and 10 spaces to pay what you can, please register and then contact us for details. It is our commitment to make this work reach as many people in our community as we can while at the same time covering costs.

Cost: 40 includes lunch, snacks, coffee, tea

Need more information or have questions?
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