

Office of the Wet'suwet'en Call for Applications
Elder Support for the Youth Mud'ilh
Reports to: Youth Director

About Us

The Office of the Wet'suwet'en is expanding our youth engagement across and beyond yintah borders. The Hereditary Chiefs are committed to amplifying the voices and inclusion of young Wet'suwet'en to be actively involved in our traditional governance system. We want to ensure our youth engagements are reflective of real needs within our communities. Our goal is to provide a space where youth voices from multiple backgrounds and lived experiences are heard. We will be convening a Youth Mud'ilh – a group of 10 Wet'suwet'en Youth Representatives and 5 Elders from Wet'suwet'en Nation. This means we are looking to expand our engagement with youth who have diverse identities including those of us who identify as LGBTQ2S+, those of us with lived experience with substance use, and those of us who live with exceptionalities. Our purpose is to strengthen skills and involvement of Wet'suwet'en youth.

Let's help carve the path for future generations that is reflective of our strengths, gifts, needs, and experiences!

About Being an Elder for the Youth Mud'ilh

- With the oversight and mentorship of the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs, Elders will work alongside the Youth Director to design and implement a holistic Youth Engagement and Communication Strategy
- Ground our youth with cultural and spiritual grounding exercises
- Be there as a cultural knowledge holder, a person we can turn to for guidance
- Support youths' cultural, mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical wellness
- Create safer spaces for Wet'suwet'en youth within our regions
- Advocate for Wet'suwet'en Youth in all aspects of our wellness and self determination
- Support youth workshops
- Open to learning and expanding knowledge about things like IFOT (Indigenous focus-oriented therapy), Indigenous Tools for Living (ITFL), LGBTQ2s+, and exceptionalities
- **Compensation: Part time at \$25.00/hr for 7 hours a week (\$175.00/wk), flexible hours**

Personal Qualities

- Empathetic – able to feel and understand things from different perspectives
- Resourceful – ability to reach out for support or guidance
- Flexible
- Accountable – ability learn, grow, and be transparent

Skills and Abilities

- Can support and work alongside a team
- Set healthy boundaries and promote personal wellness
- Promote overall wellness and access to culture for the Wet'suwet'en

Knowledge and Experience

- Wet'suwet'en Cultural Education
 - o Cultural knowledge of our governance system
 - o Knowledge of the Witsuwit'en language and story's
 - o Cultural protocols
 - o Yintah stewardship for a sustainable livelihood
 - o Active in the feast hall (Bahlats)
 - o Committed to life-long learning

Please send any questions and expressions of interest to Kayla Mitchell (Youth Director) at the Office of the Wet'suwet'en.

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