

2018 Disability Employment Training Workshops and Career Fair

Speaker and Presenter Information

Johnathon Red Gun



Disability Coordinator for CFT7

Johnathon Red Gun is the Disability Employment Coordinator for Community Futures Treaty Seven, and is the only designated staff for the CFT7 Disability Program under the ASETS agreement CFT7 administers - which specifically promotes and supports the increased employment inclusion of Indigenous People with disabilities. His primary role is around Program Communications, Development and Capacity-Building through training and this is accomplished through Community Engagement including the Business Community, First Nations and urban Career Centres, mainstream service organizations, schools and training institutions, as well as any federal and provincial funders who may have common goals with the CFT7 Disability Program.

Training Workshop Facilitator



Sean McEwen

Sean McEwen is a Director of Employment Services at Calgary Alternative Support Services. For the past 20 years Sean has been working in Employment Inclusion service delivery and design. As a Senior Consultant at RealEyes Capacity Consultants, Sean engages with service providers and businesses to build their capacity in Workplace Diversity and Inclusion. An avid proponent of Social Innovation, Sean has helped develop social media networks and regional, provincial and national networks dedicated to the Employment Inclusion of people with disabilities. He has also developed and facilitated curriculum in Employment Inclusion Supports and Career Counsellor Training.

Sean's educational background is in Youth Services and Emotional Disturbance. He is a Certified Employment Specialist and has chaired the board of directors for both the Alberta Association for Supported Employment, as well as the Canadian Association of Supported Employment.

Sean's Blackfoot name is Oktohksoipiiksi.

Training Workshop Facilitator



Duane Mistaken Chief

(Aiaistahkommi/Shoots-at-Close-Range)
BA Dip., BSW, KPhD.

Duane was a Faculty member of the Kainai Studies department at Red Crow Community College (RCCC), for over 18 years. He has delivered courses - in addition to his 18 years at RCCC – for The University of Calgary, The University of Lethbridge, Mount Royal University, Lethbridge College, NAIT, SAIT, Bow Valley College, Old Sun College.

Duane has the distinction of having been awarded the first ever Five-Year Elders Cultural Training Program Certificate by the RCCC Board of Governors and Elders Advisory Board. The award was based on his research, consultations, and teachings with and by elders at RCCC and the Kainay

community which culminated in Blackfoot curricula used in various areas of instruction, from Philosophy to Business.

Duane was honored with a Kainay PhD. By RCCC, and endorsed by Chief Charles Weasel Head, of Kainay, The latter in recognition of his contributions to both RCCC and Kainai.

Mistaken Chief has undertaken extensive research in Blackfoot/Kainai Ways of Life (Niitsitapiipaitspiiyssinni). Other research projects that he has been involved in include: Child and Educational Theories of Blackfoot People, a joint project of the U of L, and RCCC; Intergenerational Effects of Trauma in Niitsitapi Communities, University of Calgary faculty of Social Work. He served as the Co-Chair for the First Nations Adult and Higher Education Consortium First Nations BSW Curriculum Task Force for several years.

Duane is also committed to several community projects and activities, including holding the rank of "Major" in the Kainai Young Warriors Club (Cadets). Where is a "Drill Sergeant" and not only does instruction on the military aspects of Kainay but on Culture, Traditions, and Spirituality.

He has published articles in The Tribal College Journal in the USA. Did Blackfoot language work for Dr. Betty Bastien's book: Blackfoot Ways of Knowing. He has also been consulted in other major papers and published books.

His ongoing research in the Blackfoot language and ways of being (Niipaitapiiyssinni) has resulted in published articles and videos in intergenerational Trauma, Niitsitapi Culture Based Curriculum, and the book: Blackfoot Ways of Knowing, The World View of the Siksikaitsitapi.

Duane presently does consulting on Language, Culture, First Nations based Curriculum, and Community Development.

Kim Whitmee – Workshop Presenter



Kim Whitmee is an Account Recruiting Manager with Aerotek Recruiting and Staffing. Aerotek is a leader in the recruiting and staffing industry, bringing great people and great organizations together. Kim also sits on the Regional Diversity and Inclusion Board for Canada within Aerotek – and is excited for her 3rd participation in the annual Disability Employment Event and Career Fair. Kim will be presenting a workshop on “Internet Researching/Applying On-Line” for job seekers with Marcel Amirault.

Marcel Amirault – Workshop Presenter

Marcel is a recruiter at Aerotek Staffing in Calgary. He recently graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration from St. Francis Xavier University, in Antigonish Nova Scotia. Marcel was born in a small town outside of Halifax and is new to western Canada. In his spare time Marcel enjoys getting to the mountains as much as possible skiing, hiking, camping, and spending as much time outdoors as possible!

Cal Schuler – Workshop Presenter



Cal Schuler is a man of vision, commitment and connection, over the span of four decades; Cal has forged powerful inroads for those with disabilities and contributed wholeheartedly to numerous community initiatives. His career began and flourished following his injury in 1975, where he spent 17 months in the hospital, but his personal experience with a spinal cord injury has fueled his true passion – to assist others who also live with various other disabling conditions, and to promote disability awareness and barrier-free environments.

Since graduating from Mount Royal College in Rehabilitation Services, Cal has been an active leader and participant on numerous boards and committees on local and provincial levels. Over the years he has coordinated and guided numerous skills development, employment, housing, transportation, and recreational projects and owns and operates, Spectra Alternative Solutions, geared to facilitate

disability awareness and sensitivity training, promote barrier-free activity, develop corporate policy, provide support and actively change conditions that negatively impact upon full participation for persons with disabilities.

All this merely skims the surface, but to know Cal one must meet and connect with him in person. His humor, forthright nature and genuine desire to improve our community for all of us, is truly awe-inspiring and fundamentally motivating. Currently, Cal is also a Diversity and Accessibility Consultant with Calgary Alternative Employment Services. Cal will be presenting a workshop on “Building Confidence.”

Confidence is important, especially when job seeking. Whether you have been away from work, or have been long-term unemployed, or even just entering the labour market for the first time, job search can be something quite daunting. Accepting and owning your disability is key. We can never be confident, if we cannot accept our disability.

Through conversations and his daily activities, Cal tries to let people know that although their diagnosis and/or injury may be permanent, through their life’s journey there will be many changes, setbacks and achievements that will test and reaffirm their confidence. It is through understanding these situations, that Cal will provide some key insights and tips, that he thinks can help any person and persons with a disability develop confidence.

Wendy Lindbergh – Workshop Presenter

Wendy has been delivering pre-employment and life enhancement training in the Indigenous community for 20+ years. She has facilitated workshops and delivered programs assisting hundreds of people achieve their goals. Wendy will be presenting a workshop on “First Impressions” for job seekers.

Holly Atjecoutay – Workshop Presenter



Holly is Cree and Saulteaux from Cowessess First Nation in Saskatchewan. She assists Indigenous entrepreneurs in central and southern Alberta regarding the startup and expansion of their small businesses. She connects them to helpful resources while also providing guidance. She also facilitates workshops and builds meaningful relationships in both rural and urban Indigenous communities.

Holly holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English, so it is no surprise that in her spare time she enjoys reading, writing, and collecting books, and also authors a blog on the Indigenous Woman's Identity. Holly believes the art of storytelling and communication is one of the key factors in building a strong business.

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