

Summary

WHO: imagi'NATION Collective and Beneath the Surface Society

WHAT: Aboriginal, youth focused mentorship programs

- ∞ well-being and self-love education and promotion
- ∞ arts collective (theatre, visual arts, craftsmanship, dance)
- ∞ non-profit organization

WHERE: Vancouver BC & Canada (coast to coast)

WHY: Empower, inspire, teach and educate youth in Canada to build bridges between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities. With an emphasis on creating self-love, self-respect and wellness.

WHEN: founded 2010 – currently conducting co-op packages (workshops and theatre production) and creating the Building Bridges project

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Informational Booklet

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Why do we do it?



To empower youth ambassadors toward restoration in First Nations communities

To teach and educate

To encourage and inspire

To create community and connection

To promote health and wellness

To restore and rebuild Aboriginal communities throughout Canada

To heal the nation



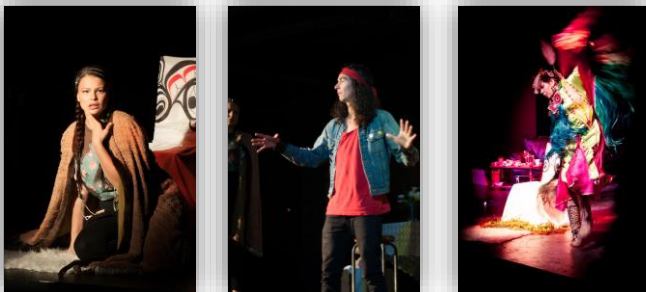
What do we do?

Beneath the Surface: mental health awareness play

This poignant play unravels layers of truth and reconciling, and opens discussion towards our collective histories and stories as people. This show takes its viewers on a journey towards healing and compassion and deep understanding. The show's purpose is to educate and inform youth, bring awareness and understanding on related topics, how to live in optimal health, and heal through art, that promote, self-love, self-care, health and well-being.

Beneath the Surface is more than just a play, it is a true story.

Inspired by extreme truths confronted by an Indigenous teen, we address the realities faced by youth, both Aboriginal and Non Aboriginal. This production touches on many relevant and affecting topics, such as gender identity, bullying, substance abuse, mental health, depression and suicide. It also educates and informs youth of Canadian history, and reconciliation. Our all-aboriginal cast is committed to expressing the many challenges youth and young adults face, along with the many possibilities and opportunities towards health and wellness. Each season this work of art is renewed through our ambassadors, through the telling of their stories and the effects history has had on them personally.



Who are we?

We are imagi'NATION Collective. We are youth educators and ambassadors, mentors and leaders, and advocates for Truth and Restoration.

Our vision is to build the bridge between arts, culture, health and wellness. It is to equip and mobilize young leaders to teach and guide as role models, advocating truth and restoration in First Nations communities, considering the impact for 7 Generations and following the 7 Grandfather teachings.

Our mission is to inspire positive change and renewed life for First Nations children, youth and families through the use of the arts and through community service. We aim to bring light into the darkness, by way of educating and bringing awareness with our impactful productions and wellness initiatives.

With our trained leaders, we are committed to supporting positive change and cultural restoration throughout the Nation, identifying needs and advocating true reconciliation for improved quality of life for all Indigenous People.



"It is with great honour to endorse the vision and mission of imagi'NATION Collective and highly recommend that we expose their productions to as many youth as we can. Together we can make a difference in the lives of our younger generations." -

Lu Ripley, Vancouver Crisis Centre

What do we do?

With a priority to rebuild native communities, we train and educate young adults both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, to be advocates and ambassadors for the indigenous children and youth of Canada.

Interactive packages



Mini educational co-op packages; workshops inspired by the medicine wheel with an emphasis on self-care, self-love and self-respect and the Beneath the Surface theatrical production.

Building Bridges Project



With aid from supporters, we are currently developing a continual educational ambassador co-op internship for the Aboriginal youth of Canada.

What do we do?

Youth for Change: wellness workshop

Youth for Change: wellness workshop was developed to encompass the four elements of the Medicine Wheel; mental, emotional, physical and spiritual. The main goal of our workshops is to teach, guide and mentor youth through the sharing of our stories, creation of safe spaces within, movement to set ourselves free and reflection that builds insight.

Our workshop directors are leaders, ambassadors and educators with experience in Aboriginal culture, history and backgrounds. These interactive workshops encourage youth to talk about challenging subjects that directly affect them, their families and their communities, address fears and concerns, while learning how to effectively manage these challenges through positive applications and tools for success.



