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collaboration ≈ 15 years







"See, in the Mi'kmaq world, in all Native worlds, you have to give recognition to everything: misdeeds, good deeds, past deeds, you know? Anything. You have to give that acknowledgement. Everything that you do, you have to acknowledge it."



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"bringing our knowledges together"

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 our sciences

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 our worldviews

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Lifelong Learning Model



Leeds University (UK) Lifelong Learning Model

Lifelong Learning Model



First Nations Holistic Lifelong Learning Model

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my world is "all my relations" (subjects)





images from: Aboriginal organizations/artists, various sources



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my world is many "its" (objects)

Western Science

Universe: Visible Matter (levels of organization - biology)



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Two-Eyed Seeing





Elder Albert Marshall Eskasoni community Mi'kmaq Nation "LEARN ... to see from one eye with the strengths of Indigenous knowledges and ways of knowing, and from the other eye with the strengths of Western (or Eurocentric or mainstream) knowledges and ways of knowing ... and to use both these eyes together, for the benefit of all."

TWO-EYED SEEING







MI'KMAQ WINTER LODGE



Birch bark is water proof as well as rot and fungus resistant. Basalt stones are preheated over an outdoor fire, then placed in the pit, to preserve indoor air quality. The mass of the stones and surrounding earth retain heat.


















































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