



Video - What would you like to see for the future of the NCCIH?

Description

Colleagues and supporters of the NCCIH shared their visions for the organization's future. This video features the words and aspirations shared by Marilee Nowgesic (CEO, Canadian Indigenous Nurses Association), Marjolaine Sioui (General Director of the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission), and Sarah Hunt/Tlaliila'ogwa (Canada Research Chair, Indigenous Political Ecology & Associate Professor, School of Environmental Studies, University of Victoria). Together, these collective voices offer insight into the ways the NCCIH can remain relevant to diverse audiences, while also amplifying the voices of marginalized Indigenous groups and expanding its network of health researchers, professionals, service providers, and community leaders.

Transcript

Marilee Nowgesic: Let's look at NCCIH. In 500 years. What will that look like? And what we're saying is, we've laid the path. We've opened up the gates and laid the foundation for next generations that we won't be able to see. But we know that we have left them this enormous amount of content work – publications and research that will benefit them in being able to address Indigenous health and address Indigenous value sets.

So, what I'm seeing in the, you know, in the next 20 years, with the progression of technological advancement, we may be just able to go to NCCIH and click on a hologram of one of our nurses. Actually, we'll be able to know that here is a facility that was able to maintain the audio, the live recording of our nurses and what the lived experience of their professional practice was at that point in time.

What we're also hopeful is that in the next decades to come for the Collaborating Centre is that it will also provide a touch point - a home base for undergraduate, graduate, academics, traditional healers, knowledge keepers - of the information that will be important.

Marjolaine Sioui: In the future, I would see the Centre becoming even more of a reference in the field for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples, where people are even more known, and on whom we could rely on for further strength to support us in our work and in what we want to work on with the various partnerships we can establish in each of our fields.

Sarah Hunt / Tlaliila'ogwa: You know, I was asked whose voices [should be] at the table and whose voices are in the room. And so, I think I'd love to see even more growth of initiatives that



have youth voices at the Centre again, that bring us together across our diversity, and that can be responsive to the shifting needs and realities – the health realities - in our communities.

NCCIH works with such an incredible network of researchers, of medical professionals, service providers, community leaders – locally and nationally and internationally. So, having more opportunity to grow those networks, and also especially to come together and hear and listen to each other, I think is really key. Because we so often as Indigenous scholars, researchers, educators, we're often responding externally to kind of societal changes, government priorities, that kind of thing. And so really having opportunities to turn towards each other to speak to each other, learn from each other. I think that's part of what I'm excited about.

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