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We are the Land

Energy and Food Sustainability Conference

Indigenous Communities working to become leaders in Food Sustainability and Renewable Energy

Indigenous communities can be vulnerable due to lack of infrastructure, internal economy, or political or economic support. With this conference, the *Keepers of the Athabasca* and our partners bring to light the potential of food security and energy security to make great strides towards communities' self-sufficiency. By contributing to our food needs and locally accessing energy that is renewable, we can ensure greater independence as indigenous communities and focus on protecting and preserving indigenous ways of being and culture. At this time, as the climate changes and our dependency on outsourced food becomes more apparent, there is great need to reintroduce and revitalize communities' self-sufficiency: this can take place through practicing **food and energy security**.

Sessions include: Environmental Impacts: by Technicians from Treaty 8, Traditional Medicines/Non-traditional Medicines, Solar Energy/Green Economy/Funding for First Nations and Métis, Traditional Hunting/Trapping Processes, Affordable Alternative Housing/Energy Efficient Options for your Home, Canning 101, Seed Saving/Seed Sovereignty, Waste/Landfill Solutions: looking at today's waste management challenges with an eye for future generations, Indigenous Spirituality in the Modern World, Enhancing and Growing local food in Northern Communities: Success Stories from the Yellowknife's Dene and First Nation Communities of Ndilo and Dettah, Laughter and Yoga, Climate Change, and more.

Join us on June 1st and 2nd 2015 at the Providence Renewal Centre (3005 119 St NW) in Edmonton, Alberta. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. June 1st; Sessions start at 10:45 a.m. Registration: <http://www.wearetheland.ca/>
"We are the Land" fundraiser concert June 1 featuring MC Michelle Thrush, Drezus, Fawn Wood and Dallas Waskahat, Creeasian, Debbie Houle, and Matt Elias: a time to gather and celebrate our progress through music and arts. All proceeds from the concert go toward court cases currently being fought on behalf of **Beaver Lake Cree Nation** and **Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation**; these court cases challenge the federal government of Canada over industrial pollution that is breaking the guarantee written in the Treaties.

According to Keepers' Coordinator, Jesse Cardinal, the **We are the Land** conference is about "Remembering our ancestors' ways, honoring them, while learning about the new sustainable technologies that are becoming more commonly used"

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