

JOB POSTING – HEALING WALK COORDINATOR



Protecting Our Sacred Water – One Step at a Time

Keepers of the Water (KOW) is seeking a part-time Healing Walk Coordinator.

Keepers of the Water is an Indigenous-led organization. Its members include First Nations, Métis, Inuit, environmental groups, concerned citizens, and communities working together for the protection of Water, air, land, and all living things today, and tomorrow, in the Arctic Ocean Drainage Basin.

The Arctic Drainage Basin is a vast ecosystem vital to Indigenous People's inherent rights and relationships to the land. Spanning 3.5M km², this internationally vital watershed holds 60% of Canada's freshwater and 12% of the world's freshwater. The Arctic Ocean drainage basin is also central to Canada's fossil fuel industry.

KOW will be hosting the 2023 Healing Walk which is a spiritual healing journey focusing on the water, land and people directly affected by irresponsible and destructive energy extraction practices taking place in Northern Alberta.

The walk brings together communities and environmental advocates to bring awareness to the devastation caused by the tar sands industry. Indigenous peoples, local communities and environmental defenders come together for a 20km walk through the tar sands. The walk winds through the long road that passes the tar sands operations exposing the dark clouds of emissions and the vast toxic tailing ponds.

It is a chance for people to see, hear and smell the tar sands destruction firsthand. Most importantly it is a chance for people to stand in solidarity with First Nations, Metis and Inuit elders and community members who are facing the merciless impacts of the tar sands and energy extraction industries.

POSITION SUMMARY

KOW is a growing organization and is looking for a person who is passionate about Indigenous rights and the protection of Water, who is interested in joining our team as our part-time Healing Walk Coordinator.

The successful candidate must have the ability to plan, organize and coordinate the details for the 2023 Healing Walk. They must have the capacity to engage multiple environmental non-governmental organizations, Indigenous communities including Treaties 6, 8, 11 and those that share the traditional territory across Northern AB/SASK/BC.

The Healing Walk Coordinator position is a part-time seven-month contract with the possibility of an extension. The successful candidate will work under the direction of the Executive Director and the Keepers Co-Chair Executives.

The skills and responsibilities required for this position are:

- Ability to organize and coordinate a large public event, including location and transportation logistics, balancing budgets, meet deadlines and time management skills
- Coordinate with the Healing Walk team, which will include other staff and environmental non-governmental organizations
- Capable of working independently and remotely
- Excellent Public Communication skills
- Capacity to work in a fast-paced environment and respond in a timely manner
- Proficient Oral and Written skills
- Knowledge of software programs, including Google Email and Workplace.
- Comprehend Indigenous Peoples' rights and histories in so-called Canada
- Indigenous language knowledge holders are an asset
- An ability to implement a shared vision consistent with KOWs Vision, Mission and Mandate for the Arctic Ocean Drainage Basin

SALARY: DOQ (experience, education, training etc.)

Opening Date: February 6th, 2023

Closing Date: February 28th, 2023

Term of Employment: 7-month contract

START DATE: March 15th, 2023

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: Send Application Package (Resume/CV, Cover Letter, References) to Keepers of the Water Executive Director, Jesse Cardinal at ed@keepersofthewater.ca