

Nunavut Heritage Training Program

Institute I: Iqaluit, September 11-22, 2023, to be confirmed

9 days + travel time, limited to 20 participants, subsidies available

1. Introduction to Museums and Cultural/Heritage Centres

- Context in Canada & Nunavut: history of museums in Canada, decolonization; National Museums Policy; development of Indigenous Cultural Centres in Canada and Nunavut: RCAP, Nunavut Agreement, TRC Calls to Action, MMIWG Report, UNDRIP, GN Collection, territorial heritage centre & satellite network; organizations that support heritage development in Nunavut
- Key functions of museums: 2022 ICOM definition of museums: collect, preserve, study, exhibit and interpret, role of museums in society: museum activism
- Current discussion around revisions to the ICOM Code of Ethics: sustainability, UN SDGs
- Challenges and opportunities facing heritage institutions & workers

2. Centre Management

- Governance models in Nunavut: GN & Hamlet governments, RIAs, not-for-profit organizations
- Community engagement: partnerships and collaborations: definitions, expectations, formal & informal relationships, MOUs
- Policy development: key policies – foundational policies: vision, mission, mandate & operational policies: collections, research, exhibitions
- Planning: Strategic Planning, operational plans
- Fundraising: federal & territorial government sources, Inuit organizations, IIBAs, foundations, grantsmanship, corporate sponsorships, private donations

3. Heritage Interpretation

- What is heritage interpretation?
- Learning styles
- Audience development: community members & visitors
- Interpretive approaches
- Curriculum-based education & adult and family programs
- How to be a guide
- Cruise ship preparedness
- Object literacy
- Marketing heritage centres and programs
- Evaluation

4. Human Resources

- Roles and responsibilities of board members, Elders, staff, volunteers
- Job descriptions
- Seasonal work & workers
- Working conditions: creating an Inuit-friendly workspace, retention
- Working with Elders

5. On the land component: Qaummaarviit Territorial Park (weather permitting)

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