

Recycling Community Champions

What:

Two days of waste immersion and interpretation. “**Interpretation** is a communication process, designed to reveal meanings and relationships of our cultural and natural heritage, through involvement with objects, artifacts, landscapes and sites”-Interpretation Canada. Most often this process is applied in parks and natural areas we celebrate for their beauty; this workshop will apply this same philosophy to our transfer stations and recyclable resources for workshop attendees.

Using each part of the day, from the waste generated at workshop meals to the backstory of each facilitator & participant this workshop will build relationships and skill sets that will be the foundation for developing a network of inspiring and culturally relevant community champions.

Facilitators cover topics including a Waste Wise World, Recycling Do’s and Don’ts, hands-on examples of the Recycling Good, Bad and Ugly, the Zero Waste Education Toolkit and more. All aspects of waste and recycling are examined through field learning at local transfer stations, metal recyclers and a First Nation community Ecodepot.

Trainees will receive practical tools from workshop materials, participant contact list and presentation PowerPoints as well as a base PowerPoint presentation on the 4 Rs, a flyer template for distribution to households, a USB stick with recycling videos and recycling education resources and professional contacts in our field*.

This will include a take home training manual for participants.

Who:

Participants:

Indigenous community members who are engaged in waste diversion in their communities as champions or operators who will develop personal adaptive resources, a support network and a passionate perspective on providing their communities with a recycling resource who will inspire waste reduction and diversion strategies at home.

Advisory Team:

Sharon Wilson-Bella Bella school teacher

Paula Reynolds -Recycling Educator

Facilitators:

Mary Forbes-Award winning cultural interpreter and waste education specialist & also facilitator for Stream of Dreams

Oliver Berger-transfer station attendant trainer & urban backyard and municipal composting expert

Emily Chu- BC First Nations Zero Waste Program planner and team lead for the Zero Waste Education Toolkit

Guest Speakers:

Tera Grady-Cariboo Regional District (CRD) Manager of Solid Waste.

Ian Hicks-transfer station and landfill clean up contractor.

Angie Delainey- CRD Area Director and Yoga Instructor

Carrie Zoudie-transfer station attendant

Misty Schulz-Zero Waste Event specialist and share shed attendant

Dean McLean-senior attendant at Williams Lake Scrap Metal

Tracy Merriam-wood waste specialist Central Cariboo Disposal

Dog Creek Transfer Station and EcoDepot: Eric Archie & Tommy Billy, indigenous site operators