

VISIONING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

A perspective on leadership and relationship building using community-based participatory research and two-eyed seeing

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Background

1 The Kwakwaka'wakw First Nations value **land, water,** and **all living things** around them.

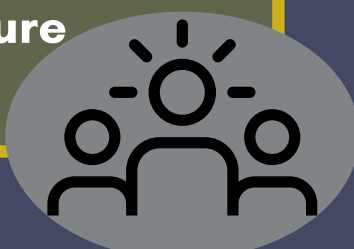


2 Nawalakw is an Indigenous-led social venture whose goal is to **preserve the way of life, culture and language** of their people through **immersion.**



4 6 young people from Carleton University with **unique academic and personal backgrounds** joined.

3 4 young people from Nawalakw joined the project. They were looking to **share** their story hoping to **inspire** their **community** and **future** generations.



Each team member was identified as a **leader** in their respective community.

Project Goals



- A mutually beneficial **youth-led collaboration** between Nawalakw youth and Carleton students
- A focus to **respect** and **preserve** Kwakwaka'wakw **values** and **traditions**
- Idea sharing through **multimedia storytelling**

Approach



- Discussions between the 2 groups were held over a 5 month period on Zoom
- Team members collaborated using Community-Based Participatory Research (**CBPR**) and Two-Eyed seeing (**Etuaptamumk**)

CBPR involves contributions from community members and involved partners to develop relationships.



Two-Eyed seeing involves taking into consideration the Indigenous and Western knowledge systems.