



Law & Policy Development

NCFNG Governance Workshops

Moving beyond the *Indian Act* and implementing self-governance requires you to design new institutions, assume jurisdiction, and make laws and policy that reflect your own priorities and values. This workshop provides a framework for thinking about law and policy development and builds the skills you need to develop your own institutions of governance. These skills are an essential asset for nation rebuilding.

benefits>

- Citizens, leadership and staff come together around law and policy issues that really matter.
- Good policy helps you make better decisions on complex matters.
- Develop laws and policies that are culturally appropriate for your Nation.
- Build the capacity to develop your own laws and policies.
- Exercise your inherent right of self-governance through laws and policy.
- This workshop is conveniently held in your community.

objectives>

- Provide participants with the skills and tools needed to make sound policy decisions.
- Learn how to implement laws & policies that reflect your Nation's vision and cultural values.
- Identify areas of jurisdiction where you wish to assert control.
- Learn to define the policy issues at the heart of new governance institutions.
- Learn how to engage citizens in law and policy development.

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- > First Nations Leadership Essentials
- > Citizen Engagement & Community Approval
- > Community Visioning & Strategic Planning
- > Territorial Rights
- > Citizenship Laws
- > Leadership Selection
- > Culture, Tradition & Effective Governance
- > Introduction to Constitutions
- > Law & Policy Development**
- > Youth & Emerging Leadership

participants of the Law & Policy Development Workshop might also consider these workshops:

- > Culture, Tradition & Effective Governance
- > Introduction to Constitutions
- > Citizenship Laws



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questions & answers >

Who uses the Law & Policy Development workshop?

First Nations that are moving beyond the *Indian Act* by constructing new institutions of governance. First Nation employees that need the foundational policy analysis skills to create laws and policies that are culturally appropriate and meet the needs of citizens. The workshop is beneficial for:

- Chief and Council
- Governance Project Coordinator
- Senior Managers

Why would your Nation take this workshop?

First Nations are increasingly exercising their rights in many areas, including: land use, elections, education, citizenship, and child welfare. This workshop provides your Nation with the tools you need to improve decision making, maximize jurisdiction and ensure greater cultural match in your nation rebuilding efforts.

What will you and your Nation learn?

You will learn how to develop laws and policies for the effective governance of your Nation. You will identify areas of jurisdiction and develop policy options that are culturally appropriate. Participants consider how citizen engagement can support better law and policy development. After this training you will be prepared to identify key areas that matters to your community, identify problems in existing law & policies and develop a proper response to those needs through good law & policy development.

Who delivers this workshop?

The workshop is delivered by aboriginal facilitators that have the knowledge and experience of First Nation communities, history, and law. They have been trained to use innovative facilitation techniques to communicate the key concepts to a diverse audience. All material used in the workshop is grounded in our legal, academic and community-based research for restoring First Nations.

How long does it take?

This workshop is delivered over two full days.

Where are sessions held?

This workshop takes place in your community.

What
Participants are
saying about our
Workshops



“The facilitation skills,
tools that the staff used
were second to none.”

“Good resource material
and a wealth of
collective knowledge
to draw from.”



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