

# HWDSB

## Indigenous Education

Calling all Grade 8 to 12  
First Nation, Inuit and Metis Students...

## CHECK OUT THE NEW ISTÁ PROGRAM AT HWDSB

Earn 20 volunteer hours this summer!  
July 19-22 and 26-29



*Istá is mother in Kanien'keha/Mohawk*

ISTA is the acronym for Indigenous Student Traditional Arts Program

### Who is the program for?

- Grade 8 to 12 students  
(Parents, Guardians, Educators and Community will also be invited to participate.)

### What is the purpose of the program?

- to learn about social justice in education, and how to create change
- to practice traditional Indigenous arts, as a form of personal healing and wellness
- to earn up to 20 volunteer hours needed for high school graduation

### What will I do in the program?

- participate in talking circles online
- learn how to be a researcher, and conduct research with your friends and community
- develop interviewing, leadership, listening, and speaking skills
- create change in your educational experience through an arts-based social justice lens

### TIME AND DATES:

#### Information Session:

Tuesday July 13 @ 12 p.m.

EMAIL [nshingoo@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:nshingoo@hwdsb.on.ca) for the meeting link

Everyone is welcome to ask questions!

#### Program Dates for Students:

July 19-22 and 26-29

2 hours per day online, 12-2 p.m.

#### Presentation to Community Date:

TBD

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## MEET THE FACILITATOR/RESEARCHER

Hey friends! My name is Nahanni Shingoose. I'm Ojibwe (Sealteaux) and my home community is Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation in Manitoba, but I grew up in Ontario with my Mom. She was the one who taught me all kinds of traditional art forms like beading, regalia making, painting, drawing and leatherwork. I also love to work with natural materials which mother earth leaves behind, like birch bark (biting), porcupine quill work, tufting with caribou hair, and making shell jewelry.

I'm the Indigenous Student Transition Consultant at HWDSB and I'm also a university student in a Master of Education Program. I'm learning about research with youth, and how youth can make a difference in their education by using their voice. Sometimes it's called educational justice, or social change, or activism. This program focuses on, "Intergenerational Youth Participatory Action Research."

I also used to be SOOOO shy. Luckily when I was young, I had a teacher at school, who taught me listening and speaking skills, and now I am much more confident :)

I hope to see you, your family and your friends in this awesome new pilot program, designed especially for you, by you!



*Our mothers, the women in our communities, and the earth, are our first teachers. They pass on their knowledge to us through storytelling, traditional arts, hands on learning, and sustenance.*

### **But I'm nervous and shy...**

No problem, my friends! This program is designed to meet your needs; learn about your social, emotional, physical and spiritual learning needs, and learn strategies to become the best version of yourself! You decide on the activities, and you decide on what you want to learn about. We promise you won't be bored!

### **A Note for your Friends, Parents, Guardians and Community!**

They are part of this program too! We will invite them to participate in the pilot program to share their stories, skills and knowledge in our research process.

### **Media Consent Forms**

Students under 18 will require parental/guardian consent/signature for work samples to be used. This form will be provided at the Information Session, or the first day of the program. Can't make the info session, but you know you want to join? No problem! Email Nahanni at [nshingoo@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:nshingoo@hwdsb.on.ca) for a registration form.

***If you or your parents/guardians do not want your work used as a sample, you can still participate!  
Your decision does not affect your participation or volunteer hours.***