



Anishnawbe Health Toronto

Wisdom Weavers

Storytelling & Traditional Teachings

Join Anishnawbe Health Toronto for a series of storytelling presentations on enduring troubling times, surviving challenges, keeping families strong, and emerging stronger for it all. Elders and Knowledge Holders from across Turtle Island will share their experiences as well as stories within their own cultures and Nations.



“Breathe and the Earth Breathes with You” by Lisa Boivin PhD(c). This image was inspired by a talk given by Dr. Nicole Redvers from Deninu Kųé First Nation in the Northwest Territories. Dr. Redvers shared that the lungs are a site of grieving. COVID-19 is an illness that incapacitates our lungs. Mother Earth is literally grieving through our lungs. In this image, I comfort the patient on the ventilator with the love of the Land.

Kevin Ka’nahsohon Deer helps to perform the ceremonies, songs, speeches, and dances of the Mohawk people. He lives in Kahnawake Mohawk territory situated on the south shore of Montreal and has been employed as a schoolteacher at the Karonhianonhnha Mohawk Immersion School since 1989. In the older traditional teachings in the Longhouse as a Faithkeeper, he is a resource person on Iroquoian world view, philosophy, treaties, land claims, and native-European historical perspectives. As a motivational speaker he tries to instill into the younger generation the hope that they can succeed in whatever their goals are in life provided that they remain spiritually grounded and maintain the concept of the “Good Mind.”

Kevin’s presentation will be titled “Giving a Spiritual Inoculation.” In the presentation, Kevin will assert “we’re at a crucial time in history where Indigenous wisdom of this land is rising up and prophecies are being fulfilled. The prophecies say, ‘a time would come where we would help our brothers and sisters that came into our house to wipe their tears so that they could see different, open their ears so they could hear different, to remove that lump in their throat so that they can speak and together we would put our best collective thinking forward for the benefit of those future generations coming.”



To view the presentation, please click on the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1orHc8MDe2o>

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