

CURRICULUM VITAE

Ishbel Munro

Education:

Corrymeela, N. Ireland: Dialogue for Peaceful Change, Facilitator Training
Henson College, Dalhousie University: Certificate in Negotiation and Conflict Management
York University: Bachelor of Fine Arts, Honours in Theatre

Facilitation Highlights/Contracts:

- Rural Research Centre, Nova Scotia Agricultural College. Four month project called “Changing Paradigms in Agricultural.” Designed group processes and facilitated one and two-day focus groups in NS and NB.
- Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence Coalition on Sustainability. “Financial Literacy for Women.” Assisted in designing one day workshop, facilitated local session.
- Memorial University. “Fishers' Knowledge in Fisheries Science and Management”. Facilitated a series of meetings of fishermen and academics in NFLD
- Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence Coalition on Sustainability. “Building Entrepreneurship in Women” Designed one day session in collaboration with client. Delivered workshops in NB, PEI and NS to women in small fishing villages.
- Atlantic Summer Institute, University of PEI. “Healthy and Safe Communities” Worked with Maritime wide bi-lingual team to develop day and half workshop for local communities to galvanize inter-agency partnerships on safety. Converted the material to be relevant for First Nations. Delivered workshop in Waycobah First Nations.
- Facilitated and organized numerous projects for Coastal Communities Network including: a one day meeting of Mi’Kmaq, African Nova Scotians, Acadians, and other descendants of Europe on racism and management of natural resources during the crises arising from the Marshal Decision on the Mi’Kmaq and fisheries; facilitating round table discussions with competitive fishermen’s organizations; organizing and facilitating an emersion weekend on Mi’Kmaq culture, governance and protocol; team building with Harbour Authorities in Kings County; and facilitating meetings between community groups and academics.

Research:

- MacInnes, D. and De Sousa, E. and Munro I. (2005) “*One plank at a time*” *Volunteer Harbour Management in Nova Scotia*. Research on indicators and effect of volunteer burn-out in harbour management groups. Editor: Reg Noble. Published March 2006 by Knowledge Development Centre.
- Praxis Research & Consulting Inc. (January 2004) *Between the land and the sea: The Social and economic importance of wharves and harbours in Nova Scotia* ISBN 0-9735295-0-4. In-depth quantitative and qualitative research. Supervised research team and coordinated community based research.
- De Sousa, E., (Oct. 2004) *Sustaining Structures: Exploring the Collaborative Management of Wharves in Kings Count*, Trained and supervised Graduate Student Intern associated with SSHRC funded project.
- Kelly, B. (2002) *A brief overview of policy issues related to rural Nova Scotia’s Black Community*. Trained and supervised Graduate student intern. Associated with SSHRC funded proposal.
- MacInnes, D. (1999) *Analyzing the long-term sustainability of volunteer harbour authorities*. Designed and conducted survey and worked with MacInnes on scope of report funded by Coastal Communities Network

Sample of papers, workshops and presentations:

Rural Communities Impacting Policies. Ontario Rural Conference, Blue Mt. Nov 2007
Rural communities and policies: making it work. Sixth Annual National Forum on of the Public Policy and the Third Sector: Panel presentation at People, Places and Policies, Queens University. Nov 5, 2005
Munro, I. and Shookner, M. *Forging sustainable Future for Rural Communities*, Canadian Social Welfare Policy Conference, University of New Brunswick, 2008
On common ground: working together to make it work; Gender Globalization and the Fisheries Conference, Memorial University. 1998
Kespupwick Community Congress. Plenary Panel: “*Causes, Effects and Solutions for Youth Out-migration and Rural*

Economies Oct 2004

Kespuwick Community Congress. Workshop: *“Between the Land and the Sea: Profile of Rural and Coastal Nova Scotia”* Oct 2004

Lessons Learned Workshop, National Rural Dialogue, Magog, Quebec 2000

MacLeod, A. and Herney, S. and Munro, I. *Relations of humans, religion and the earth*, Centre for Human Ecology, University of Edinburgh. 1994

Work Experience:

January 2011 to present: Program Director, Tatamagouche Centre a non-profit serving the Maritimes with educational programs designed for personal and societal transformation. Duties include facilitation, building collaborative partnerships, ensuring effective program delivery, promotion and fund raising.

1995 to 2010: Executive Director for the Coastal Communities Network a non-profit of over 200 member organizations. Activities range from facilitating strategic planning sessions, community based research, skills development workshop and community trainings, represent communities on the NS Rural Team, presenting briefs to government, and knowledge mobilization. .

1991-1995: Coordinator, First Nations Environmental Network, half time position. A Canada wide network of First Nations groups. Duties included organizing an annual gathering, fund raising, providing support to communities in crises, research on issues, media work, information sharing and being a liaison between the native and non-native community..

1989-1995: Coordinator, Nova Scotia Environmental Network, half time position. Organized founding meeting of the NSEN and then built the organization. Published 24 page magazine which went into every school, conducted research on environmental issues, worked with member organizations to prepare briefs for government, arranged and facilitated consultation between groups and government on policy issues.

1988-90: Coordinator, Maritime Fishermen’s Union, Ship to Shore Trash Campaign. Organized a highly successful, peer to peer public relations project encouraging fishermen to bring their trash ashore. Campaign included research, radio and TV ads, posters, signs on the wharves, press releases.

Prior to this worked as a community organizer with the First Nations Society of the People Struggling To Be Free, the Assoc. for Native Development in the Visual and Performing Arts. I also worked as an actress, director, film producer and assistant director and script writer.

Volunteer Experience:

2010 to present: Gaelic Council of Nova Scotia; Board member

2004-2007: Treasurer; Native Youth Support Network; a youth driven organization assisting youth to live drug and alcohol free through cultural and recreational activities.

1999-2003: Chair, Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia. Building an endowment fund to be a catalyst for community capacity building. Past Chair from 2003-2005

2003- 2005: East Boyz, Supporting a young native Drum Group by providing space for practices, food and lodging, fund raising and drafting promotional material.

1985-88: Sacred Lands Committee, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, Acted as coordinator for this committee which was involved in negotiations with archeologists, protection of burials grounds from looters, reestablishing traditional culture. Research on Burial grounds.

1987-88" Teens Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse (TADAA) Facilitated discussion with teens, worked with them to create drug free events.