Building Bridges Through Understanding the Village

This experiential workshop which has been inspired by Jann Derrick's teachings of 'The Circle and The Box,' and by many Elder's teachings, will help us to understand traditional Aboriginal ways and values. We will explore our personal role in supporting the revival of those values that worked so beautifully for thousands of years.

We will also explore, in-depth, the affects of Residential Schools and Canada's Policy of Assimilation. This workshop is geared to solutions rather than recrimination and is a great forum in which to ask questions.

Participants who choose to come to these often emotion-provoking workshop experiences, comment that they understood a bit about the issue on a cognitive level, but after participation in Building Bridges Through Understanding the Village, they understand on a deep emotional level as well. The workshop is done from a non-blame and non-shame perspective and invites all participants to become a part of the healing that IS already happening.

Learning outcomes:
- A cognitive and emotional understanding of traditional First Nations values
- A deep and emotional insight into the depth of and the intergenerational effects of Colonization
- Methods for creating supportive relationships in a positive way

Room requirements:
Chairs in a circle (nothing inside the circle)
Flip chart and paper

Note to workshop host:
Prior to the workshop, participants need to understand that we will be addressing Residential School and its affects in an in-depth way. Participation may trigger unresolved grief and loss issues for some. It is imperative that participants know that in advance and have an understanding that coming to the workshop is not mandatory; it is their choice. It is also recommended that options to access support after the workshop are provided.

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Kathi works with Aboriginal mental health and has her own consulting business. She facilitates experiential workshops regarding Canada's Policy of Assimilation and Colonization with social workers, foster parents, health care workers, church groups, students and educators, frontline workers, and other communities across Canada. The healing power and personal impact of her workshop presentations have brought rave reviews.

"It is easy to learn from Kathi because of her gentle ways and her respect for all people."
~ Workshop Participant