

Keynote: Land is our Education

Be'sha Blondin

Dene Elder from Sahtu Region



Be'sha Blondin is a Dene Elder from the Sahtu Region of the Northwest Territories with forty years of experience in Indigenous traditional healing, and living in harmony and balance. From her youth, Be'sha learned environmental law, traditional law, life skills, and knowledge and medicines of the land from her family and Elders. She speaks to preserve and to revitalize Aboriginal cultural knowledge and belief system. She has received awards from the Status of Women Council of the Northwest Territories, North Slave region, and the Wise Women Award in 2004. Her traditional knowledge and Dene way of life teachings are documented, not only in the media,

but also in the evidence of the changes she has made in peoples' lives. Her current work is helping communities in the North West Territory find the holistic learning models.

Her keynote address can be viewed at <http://www.usask.ca/wahkohtowin2014/conference-program/post-conference-videos-and-photos.php>