




TS'ZIL LEARNING CENTRE

Spring 2025 Newsletter

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Kalh wa7 alap takem – entsa7s mah7yeqs Liłwat7ul lhkan
Hello everyone, my name is Nadine Pascal, Director of T̓szil, Language & Culture

We have had many new and exciting changes; we have had our first Cultural Advisory Committee meeting in Dec. This committee will be reviewing courses/programs we want to deliver here at T̓szil, but we will ensure there is Lilwat lens in the course outlines, our nt'akmen, our protocols, our traditions (with science, history, English etc.) I am very excited about this committee and the direction we are taking.

We have our strat plans being developed for LEAT, Language & Culture, Advanced Education and T̓szil as a collective; this is exciting; our first ever plan will be developed in hopes to assist with budget planning sessions with goals and objectives.

We have had many great sessions with our programs, team building, and engagement (rapport) Quarterly Wellness Wednesday sessions for our team building has been amazing, on our traditional territory (Joffree Park, Whistler)

In partnership and good faith with Capilano University, we have applied for the Ministry of Advanced Education & Future Skills call for applications for a Teacher Training Program; Friday Dec. 13,2024 was the application deadline, we have a plan in place and an application submitted, we will keep the nation updated on the status of this application. This will be \$1M application to deliver the entire 5-year program here at T̓szil in partnership with CapU & University of Fraser Valley. Prayers for a successful application!

On the back burner; in plans a Liłwat Government Program (Following the Local Government Program with CapU) we are amending this course outline and using Liłwat ways, policies, procedures etc. in this course. (certificate 5 courses)

Capilano University has been doing an amazing job with marketing, recruiting, and delivering great courses/programs here, our partnership has evolved and is only getting stronger, we rely on our great relationship, for our nation to benefit from great programming!

I want to share that T̓szil Learning Centre is our center, meaning the people- it's ours! We are here to learn, to grow and expand further than our ancestors foreseen; with that comes the responsibility to conduct ourselves in a way that is welcoming and respected!

We want to extend our condolences, sympathy, respect and admiration for our Elder in Residence Theresa Jones and her family. She was well loved and cared for here at T̓szil and we will all miss her immensely!

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- **2 Rooms Available**
- **30 MAX Capacity each**
- **8AM-8PM 7 Days a week**
- **Room set up as per Request**
- **Projector and screens in rooms**
- **Flip charts available**
- **Coffee and Tea Provided**
- **Smart Board available upon request**
- **And More...**

Istken Hall Available for larger special events

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We are looking forward to hosting your next meeting!

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Reminder that our deadline for Fall 2025 is May 1, 2025 for sponsorship applications.

Advanced Education

- **Post-Secondary**
 - External – 3 graduated from UBC – NITEP (Bachelor of Education), 2 graduated Undergraduate Degrees, 2 graduated associate's degree, 1 graduated PhD
- Fall 2024 - 27 FT and 5 PT students (14 schools)
Spring 2025 – 28 FT and 6 PT (16 schools)
Finalizing internal student numbers.
- Derek and I were able to attend post-secondary workshops in Vancouver to update and learn of what is happening with policy. We were also able to visit some students in Nanaimo to give them encouragement. Both of us were able to sit in on Mason Ducharme's Dissertation for his PhD.
- **Local Education Agreement**
 - PSS –1 temporary extra curricular ISW, one year contract. Working with Youth Justice department to continue the great work with programs outside the calendar. Collaborated with them on Nt'ákmen Project in September and October, Indigenous Fashion Week in November to be completed in February. We look forward to further collaborations with the Youth Justice team.
 - Capilano University has two part time programs running for Education Assistant and Business Administration. Some students are sponsored part time to cover book fees.
 - Xetólacw Community School, some students will be visiting T'szil Learning Centre in February to start their post-secondary applications.
 - A date will be set to visit PSS also, to get them started on their next steps to post-secondary.
 - **Cultural**
 - Cultural Advisory Committee will be looking at ways to Indigenize and help create programs that can be viewed through a Lilwat lens.



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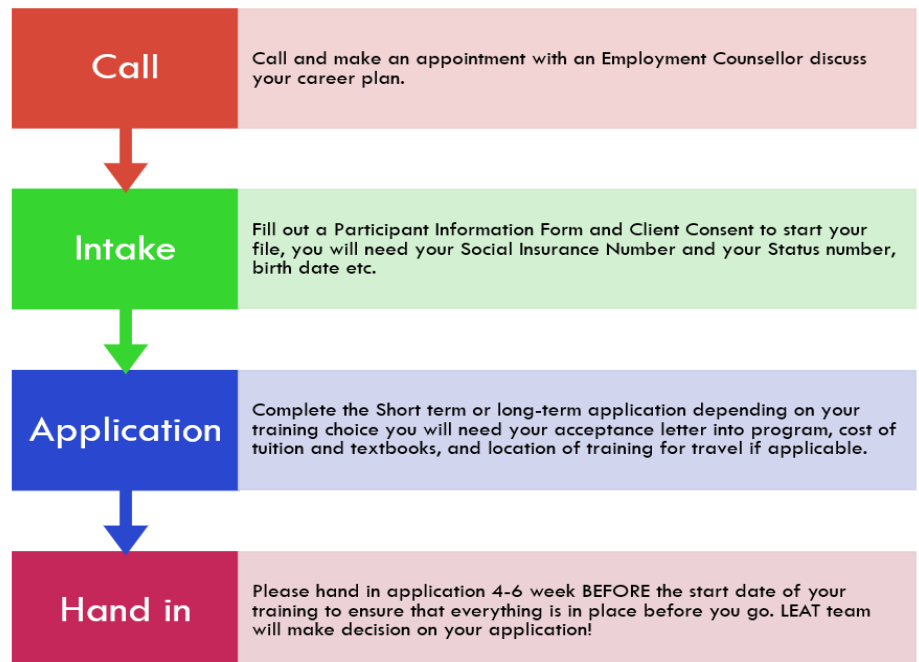
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Lilwat Employment and Training

Lilwat Employment and Training department or LEAT is a federally funded program through Indigenous Skills Employment and Training or ISET. We are located in the T̓szil Learning Centre. We assist ANY Indigenous person that lives within the Lilwat Nation Catchment Area. The catchment area is the Traditional Territory of the Lilwat Nation. LEAT provides employment and training related services including: employability skills training, certified trades and training, employment placements and services etc.

The LEAT Team consists of a manager, two Career Development Practitioners, one Administrative Assistant and a WorkBC Employment Specialist. To access our services please:



Upcoming:

Carpentry Level 4 – Location: BCIT Burnaby Campus. February 10th to March 28th, 2025.

NVIT Indigenous Holistic Wellness and Addictions Certificate – Location: T̓szil Learning Centre. Start January 31, 2025-November 2025. One week per month in person.

Capilano University- Community Capacity Building Citation – Location: T̓szil Learning Centre. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-3 pm.

School District 48 ECE – For grades 11 and 12. Two courses; Human Development 100 and 103. Offered online with one day of in person mentoring at the T̓szil Learning Centre.

Ministry of Forests – Fire Fighting Bootcamp – Tentative dates: April 7-13th, 2025. Location: TBD.

If you would like more information or to set up an appointment for services, please call 604 894 2300 or email leat@lilwat.ca

Why take classes at T'szil Learning Centre?

Be part of special programs

Liłwat Language and Culture Program
Community Capacity Building Program



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today to sign up. 604-894-2300

Community Capacity Building program update

My name is Erin, I work for Capilano University. As an instructor I'm excited to tell you about the Community Capacity Building Program. The Community Capacity Building program is made up of two courses.

- Introduction to Community Development (September- December)

- Foundation Skills in Community Development (January- April)

In this class the students have been exploring what meaningful and positive change could look like for Liłwat starting with the gifts and strengths that are already here.

Two things stand out from the last term:

- **There was Kamúcwkalha**
- **There was Cwélelep**

We laughed, had fun, got to know each other better, and became a small community within Liłwat that feels like family.

We had deep conversations about community development topics like power & privilege, distributed leadership, community needs, and root causes.

This program is a partnership between LEAT and CapU. We are so grateful for Mel's knowledge and support.

Thank you so much to everyone who came to the first Community Conversation and being a witness to the student's hard work.

The Liłwat Language and Culture Program is running,

The course information is as follows:

FNLG102 - Liłwat Language - Beginner class.

Date: Mondays- starting January 6th

Time: 6pm-9pm

Our ABE courses run Monday to Thursday and Casey provides lunches daily. Students can register by emailing Amanda at amandawalker@capilanou.ca.

Business Admin Certificate:

- BMKT 203 Introduction to Management (prerequisite BADM 101)

Monday & Wednesday 5:30 to 8:30 Jan 6 to Feb 26

- BADM 265 Entrepreneurship/ Small Business Management

Lilwat7ul Culture Centre

During the last quarter, Lilwat7ul Culture department secured funding and developed a strategic plan for language and culture. We attended a work retreat to plan and establish goals based on the key performance indicators listed in our strategic plan. We're currently working on our individual tasks and once the whole team is back in the new year, we will share a program/activity schedule with the community.

At the moment we have a weekly craft night with regular attendance averaging 15 people and will be adding dates if needed leading up to Hobiye to give people extra time to work on regalia. We also provide a weekly language drop-in session that is often well attended and has given great space for resource sharing. We also receive many requests each week from individuals and departments to assist with researching resources, language and family history.

Lilwat has been invited to participate at Hobiye February 28-March 1, 2025. Watch for extra regalia making sessions and practices.

The Culture department is currently working on a harvesting/foraging calendar which will be out within the month.

The culture team hosted 'Wellness Wednesday' on Friday, December 20th. We brought staff together to make "ribbon" stockings. It was a chance to learn new skills while getting to know each other, and our department.

Events and Programs

- **Ucwalmícwts Study group** – Location: T'szil Learning Centre-Tuesdays 4:30-6:30 classrooms 102-103.
- **Craft Night** – Location: T'szil Learning Centre- Thursdays 6:00-9:00pm Classrooms 102-103. (Bring your own projects)
- **Hobiye Ts'amiks Edition** – Location: PNE Forum 2901 E. Hastings St.- February 28-March 1st, 2025.

Open Hours

Mon	8:30-4:30
Tue	8:30-4:30
Wed	8:30-4:30
Thurs	8:30-4:30
Fri	8:30-4:30
Sat	CLOSED
Sun	CLOSED (Closed all Statutory)



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