



SHAY PAUL

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY ARTIST

Shay Paul is a Secwepemc artist and also the director of the self-made Indigenous Resurgence Project, which exists to support and showcase indigenous artists and culture from holding free public exhibitions to helping mentor emerging artists. Shay is a multi-media artist, graphic designer, community organizer, public speaker, and has experience in various field backgrounds.

GET IN CONTACT

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WORK EXPERIENCE

PROJECT DIRECTOR

Indigenous Resurgence Project

Kamloops, BC 2019 – Present

Shay founded this project officially in 2019 and has been using the platform to host art exhibitions and activities. In 2021, the project expanded to also offer an online artisan directory, workshop facilitation, and art resources.

Skills

- Administrative work
- Event planning
- Event organizing
- Facilitation
- Financial organizing
- Book-keeping
- Graphic design
- Web design
- Social media campaigning
- Public speaking
- TV and radio interviews

SELF EMPLOYED – FREELANCE SERVICE PROVIDER

Ambush Art

Kamloops, BC 2019 – Present

Shay has been a practicing freelance artist and designer since 2019 and has since expanded her services to reflect her work experience. She now actively offers small-business consultation for logo designs, brand designs, web designs, and event planning and management.

Skills

- Administrative work
- Event planning
- Event organization
- Facilitation
- Public speaking
- Graphic design
- Web design
- Brand design
- Social media management

FOOD SOVEREIGNTY PROJECT COORDINATOR

Tk'emlups te Secwepemc

Kamloops, BC March 2022 – November 2022

Shay was hired to help foster and establish the food sovereignty pilot project at Tk'emlups te Secwepemc. This project required extensive hours and early project planning and development. Shay worked mostly unsupervised and was responsible for 2 student workers who participated in an 18-week experiential work program.

Skills

- Administrative work
- Event organizing
- Scheduling
- Student-worker supervision
- Material ordering and acquisition
- Public speaking
- TV and radio interviews

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE & INTEREST

Food Security and Sovereignty in Indigenous Communities

Thompson Rivers University

Shay has worked with one of Canada's Research Chairs in three rural Indigenous communities in the background of food sovereignty and food security, also applying previous experience organizing and facilitating workshops to build on community engagement and interaction.

UNDERGRADUATE ASSISTANT

Wapekeka & Kasabonika Lake FN

Treaty 9 Territory, Ontario, May 2019

- Assistant to Dr. Michael Robidoux, Indigenous Health Research Group
- Designing large-scale garden plots
- Constructed raised garden beds
- Renovated pre-existing greenhouse structures
- Engage community in food-security responses
- Holding community-based educational workshops
- Distribute resources to interested community members

UNDERGRADUATE ASSISTANT

Deh Gáh Got'ıę FN

Treaty 11 Territory, Northwest Territories, May 2021

- Assistant to Masters Research Student, Emalee Vandermale
- Design and create information graphics
- Organize and facilitate workshops with children and youth
- Repair and improve greenhouse structures
- Hold community-based educational workshops
- Distribute resources to interested community members.

KNOWLEDGE MAKERS RESEARCH MENTORSHIP

Thompson Rivers University

Kamloops, BC, February 2023 – May 2023 (Current)

- Work with university faculty to develop a research paper for publication
- Attend various educational and research training workshops
- Write and complete a finished research paper for submission
- Attend the travel component to the University of Waikato, New Zealand

Analysing Food Sovereignty in Secwepemc'ulucw: Finding a Pathway to Indigenous Dietary Health Through Cultural Reconnection - *Currently under review*

EDUCATION

Highschool Diploma

Kamloops School of the Arts
Kamloops, BC 2018

Horticulture Certificate

Thompson Rivers University
Kamloops, BC 2018 – 2019

Undergraduate Student

Thompson Rivers University
Kamloops, BC 2019–Current

GRANTS

CRE-ation Art Stream Grant

Canadian Roots Exchange
\$15,000
2022

Artist Vitality Micro-grant

First Peoples Cultural Council
\$3,000
2022

Sprout Grant

Canadian Roots Exchange
\$1,000
2021

PRESENTATIONS

Visualizing Decolonization in a Settler State

Canadian Roots Exchange
Kamloops, BC February 2019

Decolonizing the Diet: Regaining Control of the Food On Your Table

Knowing Your Roots Program
Skeetchestn, BC April 2022

Indigenous Resurgence Project with Shay Paul

Arts BC Conference
Richmond, BC October 2022

EVENT MANAGEMENT

Artists for Reconciliation Interactive Exhibition

Curator, Event Manager
Kamloops, BC May 2018

Indigenous Resurgence Exhibition

Curator, Event Manager
Kamloops, BC August 2019

Indigenous Resurgence Fashion Show

Event Manager
Kamloops, BC August 2019

illumiNATIVE: Indigenous Youth Exhibition

Curator, Event Manager
Kamloops, BC October 2020

Kweseltken Kristmas Market

Main Event and Market Coordinator
Kamloops, BC November 2021

Indigenous Voices in Fashion 2022

Co-organizer, Market Coordinator
Chase, BC June 2022

Re-Awakening Concert

Main Event and Market Coordinator
Kamloops, BC June 2022

2 Rivers Remix "WE ARE STILL HERE" Music Festival

Market Coordinator
Lillooet, Kamloops, Cache Creek – July 2022

2022 Kweseltken Kristmas Market

Main Event and Market Coordinator
Kamloops, BC November 2022

Artist's Gathering: Navigating A Digital Age

Event Coordinator
Kamloops, BC February 2023

2 Rivers Remix: Tk'emlups Music Festival

Event Coordinator, Market Coordinator
Kamloops, BC July 2023

EXHIBITIONS

Artists for Reconciliation Interactive Exhibition

Kamloops, 2018

Indigenous Resurgence Exhibition

Kamloops, 2019

illumiNATIVE: Indigenous Youth Exhibition

Kamloops, 2020

Redefining the Perspective: the many forms of Indigenous art

Kamloops, 2023

sel-couth: smoke and shadow Exhibiton

Kamloops, 2023

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Arts BC Board of Directors

Regional Director: Thompson Okanagan
June 2023 – Present

City of Kamloops Arts and Culture Engagement Group

Board Member
April 2022 – Present

Farm to Cafeteria Canada

Indigenous Foodways Project Advisor
March 2024 – Present

Indigenous Climate Adaptation Working Group (ICAWG)

Youth Advisor
July 2022 – March 2023

REFERENCES

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