



## Multimedia Curator

These Workshops are developed and facilitated by Kaikegons aka Johnny Hawke whose clan's role is to provide a voice for the people and spirit name reflects a strategist, assertiveness and messenger. Johnny holds a diploma from Humber College in Print and Broadcast Journalism. He has worked for both mainstream and Indigenous media organizations. He is also a natural storyteller using his music, dance, art, video and humor.

Johnny's foundation is his Anishinabek spirituality and has participated and continues to be involved in Direct Actions to protect Indigenous Territories and Rights. He is also Co-founder of ACTION which is a resurgence of Anishinabek Institutions.

As someone who knows personal, social, environmental and political struggle, Johnny addresses himself not as a role model but as someone who struggles alongside the people who wants to empower and free each other from the colonial stains that has imposed on our Indigenous Realities.

Johnny believes everyone has a voice and talent and wants to work with those who want to work together and be the change.

### The Workshop

This 6 day workshop lasts for approximately 7 hours each day. (\$5000 Includes Travel/Accom)

A Condensed 5 Hour 1 Day Workshop is available to teach our history, rights and laws. This is very useful for Indigenous Leaderships and Organizational Governing Boards, Educational Institutions, Cultural Sensitivity Training. (\$500)

*40% of Fees helps fund ACTION's Campaigns and Camps to restore Our Nationhood.*

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*Waking the Sleeping  
Giant through  
Atisookan*

Multimedia Empowerment  
Workshop



## Waking the Sleeping Giant through Aatisookaan

With the arrival of Europeans on our shores we turned our backs on our Great Uncle Nanibush. As he is no longer revered as he used to be we've adopted new heroes and values. Feeling shunned, Nanibush left the lives of our people where some also believe he just went to sleep. Today our Nation epitomizes a Sleeping Giant. It was Nanabush and his Four Brothers who gave us our language, song, dance, art, theatre and many understandings we know through our Aatisookaan.

Today our Aatisookaan has become reduced to nothing more as childish legends where Nanibush is nothing more than a fool and trickster figure. Our Aatisookaan is our experiences with the Sprit and Star Worlds and of our Mother the Earth, where we are Her Story and not History.

This innovative Program will artistically raise the consciousness in our communities of our Indigenous realities where we will explore traditional and contemporary story telling providing our community members with the necessary tools to do so.

## Why our Workshop?

The colonization of our people has created spiritual, physical, mental and emotional devastation to our Individual and Nation's well-being, where we have a loss of our identity. The effects of colonization are exemplified in the high rates of suicide, substance abuse, incarceration, lateral violence, unemployment etc.

Our People along with national statistics demonstrate that current strategies employed by the "Aboriginal Industry" to address these issues are failing. Facilitators who make a comfortable living in delivery of their workshops however then leave our communities where any positive energy that is created eventually dissolves. As well when our people are incarcerated or go through treatment centres they only return to the same conditions that heavily influence the effects of colonization.

Our Workshop is an innovative and unique way to address these issues by creating a lasting relationship though establishing a collaborative network of communities dedicated to restoring our Nationhood and building self sufficient communities.

## Every Workshop Includes

### Open Community Sharing Circle

What is missing in our communities and necessary is communication. In Anishinabek Governance we have many council fires to give voice to the people and address many issues. Our communities need a platform for their voices to be heard, share ideas, vent and to pass on language and history. We will begin each workshop with an open Community Sharing/Talking Circle.

### Documentary Film Showing/Discussion

We will show documentary films by Indigenous Storytellers who tell our own stories and create discussions on what we watched and its impact.

### Windigokaa'n'cepts

We will look at the significance of the Contrary Figure within our teachings, ceremonies, history and society. Through a Power point Presentation will also show our side of history which is often not told.



### Activism: Reflections of who we are

Taking a look on how Art, Music, Hip-Hop, Theatre, Comedy, Radio, Film, Graffiti is used to express our identity and create social change. We will identify participant's talents and interests to hone and create a specific project using various mediums to share a message or tell a story.

### Community Showcase Production

Participants will concentrate on their own talent or interest where we will produce a Community Showcase using various mediums to tell a story or share a message. We will create a Video Profile for your Organization or Community of this project.

### Community Mentorship Program

We will identify participants that are interested in community organizing and want to network with ACTION. We will provide continuing Mentorship which allows each community to establish their own Camp and collaborate with ACTION initiatives such as our Food Sovereignty Cooperative to build self-sufficient Communities.

