



First Peoples' Cultural Foundation

...working to revitalize and celebrate Aboriginal languages, arts and culture

The First Peoples' Cultural Foundation recognizes that there are thousands of endangered cultural practices and traditional art forms unique to B.C. and found nowhere else in the world.

For example, B.C. has 60% of Canada's Aboriginal languages and some have already been lost. There is an urgent need to document and archive language knowledge before our fluent speakers—our Elders—are gone.

Purpose

The Foundation solicits charitable donations to:

- preserve and enhance Aboriginal heritage, language, arts and culture
- increase understanding and sharing of Aboriginal knowledge
- heighten appreciation for the wealth of Aboriginal cultural diversity

History

Established in 2000, the Foundation was created to enable the First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council (FPHLCC), a Crown agency, access to funding open to non-profit societies. The Foundation's flagship program, FirstVoices, an online language archive and language learning tool, has become known around the world. FPHLCC administers FirstVoices for B.C.

Governance

The First Peoples' Cultural Foundation is governed by a four-member Board of Directors. The Foundation is a transparent, accountable, and results-based organization. Annual audited statements are available to the public.

Trust Funds

The Foundation administers funds in trust. Current trusts include:

- Empowering Relationships Fund
- Early Childhood Development Fund

Partners

- The First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council (provides administrative services and accommodation for the Foundation)
- New Relationship Trust
- Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation
- Ministry of Children and Family Development

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