

HUMAN LIBRARY AS EPISTEMOLOGY

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Abstract

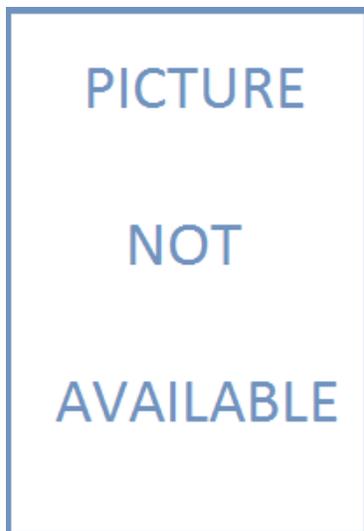
We have a great need tell our stories. There is more to it then has been told. In Cree culture, and historically speaking, stories were transferred to young and old by storytelling. In the Western sense the whole story has not been told. We accept truth but it is not the truth as far as history goes in our experience as nehiywak or as Indigenous people. Our stories have been silenced for the past 500 years and now indigenous scholars are reiterating them through the process of epistemology. Human Library is one method that allows our knowledge and to be spoken and be heard for what we know, for what we have experienced and what we have learned.

We are passionate about what we have to say. In doing so we may reach someone who needs to hear what we have to say. We can reach people and they will experience with us, and learn with us, learn from us, and together we will reach awareness, all of our thinking and feeling will be tweaked, or more, changed.

We want to tell the stories of our people that have not been told, at least within our circle of members. There is a story in every person and in the telling it brings about healing. Healing begins for the audience and for the teller. We are bringing healing through story. We heal our pasts, through telling and others can heal through hearing.

The approach we will use is a called Human Book Library. This is a process where we will speak to our passion on *a title or a topic* that is socially an issue and speak to it from our experience. It is our story.

In the telling the audience will listen, feel, and gain new awareness. We all learn because we are not the same after we have heard of one's story. Tolerance and acceptance are key components to hearing one's story. We build on the reality that we are all family, we are all connected and we do that by listening and learning from one another. For the future we hope that our children will all heal from the stories they hear from us.



Biography

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