

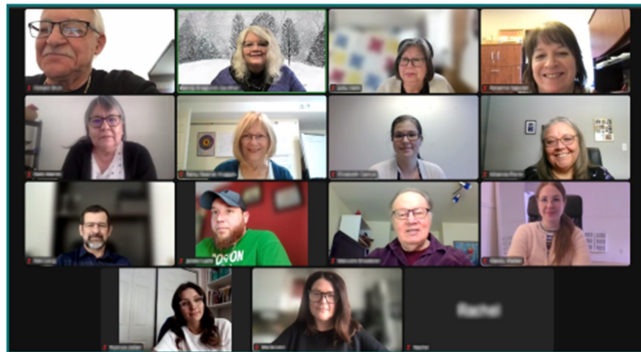


Community Viewpoints

Regional Online Workshop - Atlantic First Nations - March 9, 2023

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Indigenous participants from across Atlantic Canada were able to collaborate using Zoom and JamBoard

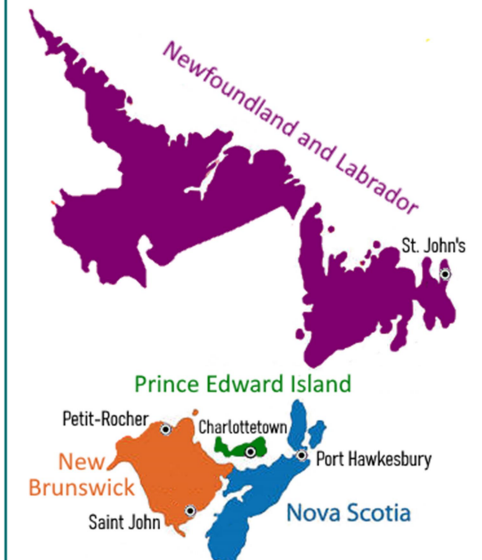


Held in memory of Eva Sock, former ASI Board member and leader from Elsipogtog First Nation, who passed away in January. This workshop was important to Eva as one expression of our work together.

Did you know?
ASI has an Indigenous Working Group

LOCATION

Community In-Person Workshops



Regional Online Workshops



The Atlantic Summer Institute on Healthy and Safe Communities (ASI) is a bilingual, not-for-profit organization with a mission to serve as a catalyst for social change, ultimately resulting in more inclusive and equitable Atlantic Canadian communities.

The workshops introduced participants to the ASI policy brief, 'Upstream Investment – Placing child and youth mental health promotion at the forefront' and gave an opportunity to explore initiatives happening in their community and innovative models from other regions.



What participants had to say...

Atlantic First Nations

Quotes:

“Culture as part of the process is important!”

“Trauma is not part of our culture.”

“We need a working understanding of intersectionality and how to function as a system together, rather than in tiny subsections. How can we navigate holistic approaches?”

“Who’s throwing those kids into the water? It’s the policy makers, the government, etc. There must be a strong message to these people to stop throwing our kids into the water! Think – co-design, co-develop, collaborate on this work.”

“We’re all in the same world...raising healthy children is all our responsibility. No child left behind should be the policy. It’s not just our children, it’s all children.”

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Common Themes:

Importance of having accessible and supportive spaces for organized, facilitated, intergenerational and intercultural events promoting sharing between community members and organizations.

...and Barriers:

People from outside the community lack understanding of the culture.

Lack of access to support and resources: (space, culturally specificity, transportation, technology, etc.)

Lack of: communication and coordination, effective community leadership, and long-term sustainable funding.

Organizations consumed with busy work, working in silos.

Considerations Going Forward:

Transformative change will require leaders at all levels to undertake fundamental changes in the way we connect, share, do work together, and care for one another.

Policy change at federal and provincial levels must extend beyond short-term projects and elected officials' terms in government.



Commitments to Action:

Continue to work together to strengthen relationships across sectors and cultures.