

NWAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOINS NATIONAL INDIGENOUS FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKING GROUP

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OTTAWA, ON – A new working group has been established within the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada that will assist in responding to the financial literacy needs of Indigenous Peoples, including Métis, First Nations and Inuit. Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) Executive Director Lynne Groulx has joined this newly formed national working group.

The Group's objectives are to address the unique barriers faced by Indigenous Peoples in achieving financial well being. They will begin with addressing the obstacles in design, delivery and measurement of financial literacy interventions. The wealth of knowledge, diversity, gender perspective and experience in the collective group will immediately begin collaborating to share information, identify priorities and develop new programs and initiatives; additionally, a focus on community driven financial priorities will be created for and with Indigenous priorities.

The members of the Financial Literacy Working Group include:

- Lynne Groulx, Executive Director, Native Women's Association of Canada
- Simon Brascoupé, VP, Education and Training, AFOA Canada
- Marcie Chase, Director of Finance, National Association of Friendship Centres
- Gilbert Dion, Manager, Business Development Services, SEED Winnipeg
- Darren Hill, President & CEO, Junior Achievement Saskatchewan
- Dr. Carlana Lindeman, Education Program Director, Martin Family Initiative
- Natasha McKenna, Program Officer, Prosper Canada
- Mack Rogers, Executive Director, ABC Life Literacy
- Talya Rotem, Program Director, SmartSAVER
- Kelly Stone, President & CEO, Canadian Association of Family Resource Programs (FRP Canada)
- Doretta Thompson, Director, Corporate Citizenship, CPA Canada
- Brent Tookenay, CEO, Seven Generations Education Institute
- Dr. Paulette Tremblay, CEO, Assembly of First Nations
- Suzanne Trottier, Director, Capacity Development & Intervention, First Nations Financial Management Board
- Claudia Gongora Boles, Director of Finance, National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association

The working group will meet three times per year and serve a two-year term. The National Steering Committee on Financial Literacy will oversee this working group and assist the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada to implement recommendations.

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The Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) is founded on the collective goal to enhance, promote, and foster the social, economic, cultural and political well-being of First Nations, Métis and Inuit women. NWAC is an aggregate of thirteen Native women's organizations from across Canada and was incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1974.

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