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EIA CI Day Committee Members Riita Strickland and Maatalii Okalik with Inukpak guides Louis and Benoit after a successful day at Nunngarut.



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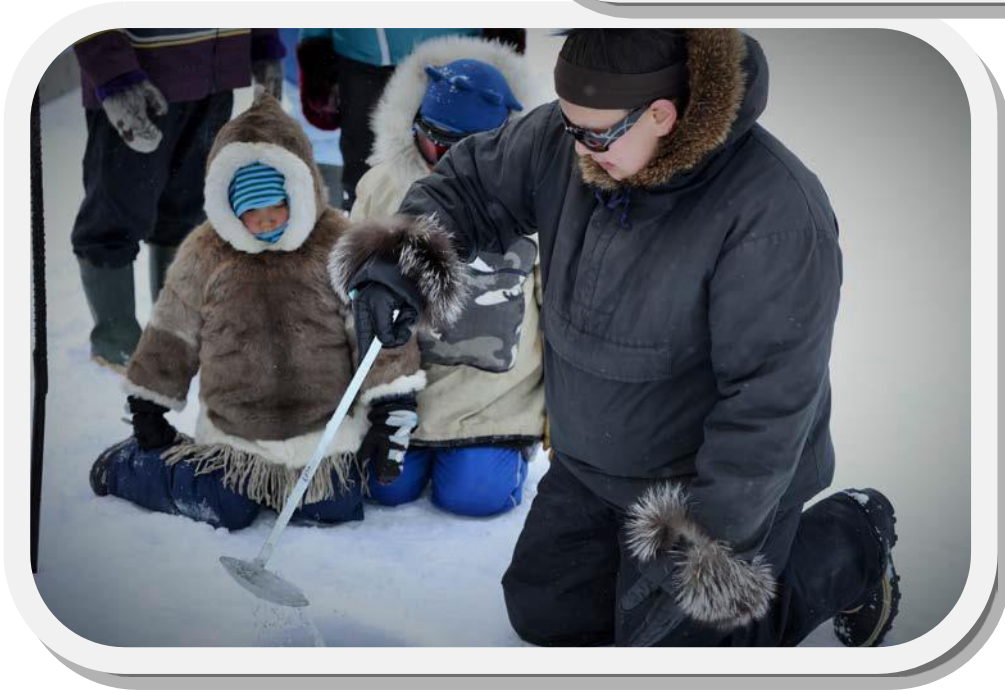
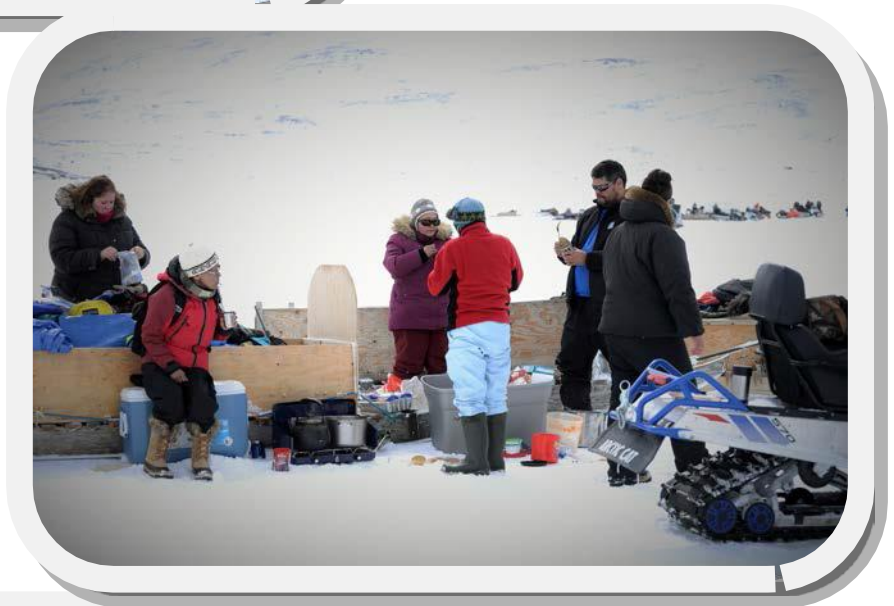
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The EIA Cultural Immersion Day Committee wishes to thank the Department of Executive & Intergovernmental Affairs for the opportunity to organize another successful Cultural Immersion Day for the staff, their families and friends. Organizing this event required teamwork, great deal of planning, using best practices from previous CI Days, communication from within the Committee but also with the Department as a whole.

The Committee members are committed to the well-being of the staff of EIA and their families. Cultural Immersion Days provide an opportunity outside of the office environment for revitalization and reflection to improve employees' overall professional and personal well-being. Events such as these build new relationships for employees from other divisions that may not come together on a regular basis. These relationships are vital to ensure the machinery of the Department and the government operations as a whole, run efficiently to serve the people of Nunavut.

Cultural Immersion Day Departmental Planning Committee
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Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Information Sessions

The Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (IQ) division of the Department of Culture and Heritage plays the lead role in coordinating Government of Nunavut approach to Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, and in incorporating Inuit societal values in the design and delivery of public programs and services.

To support these initiatives, Culture and Heritage hosts a series of monthly IQ sessions in Iqaluit to share knowledge about traditional subjects that have contemporary relevance. The sessions are led by an Elder or Elders and focuses on topics related to Inuit culture and society in the past, as well as present-day and future concerns. Other speakers talk about Inuit perspectives, specifically how to apply them in the workplace. The sessions are held at the Culture and Heritage boardroom, Trigram Building 903 in Iqaluit, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Translation services are provided. There is a maximum of 20 participants for each session.

Sessions on the following topics were held between November 2016 to June 2017:

The Impact of Relocation of My family & Identity as an Inuk Education Leader

Colonization of my family in the last fifty years

Qulliq (Inuit oil lamp)

What are Inuit perspectives and how to apply them in the workplace

Inuit perspective on wellness and counseling

Iqaluit History

Medicinal Plants and Animals

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The Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit Sessions are very interesting to attend. I suggest they be attended by all who have decided to reside in the north, and by those in the younger generation. The stories made me proud that I was and am still a big part of such a traditional life.

I have attended four of the sessions, and I learned a lot from them. I cannot choose which one I liked the best because they were all very informative.

The sessions have given me the desire to share all the information that I have learned, so I try to remember what each elder has taught me.

What each elder talks about is solely from memories. This makes the sessions very interesting because they can remember detailed stories, images and information from a long time ago.

I share everything I have learned with my clients at my workplace. My clients are all men and I help teach them to live a more calm life in this busy world we live in now. I told them I have learned how to light a qulliq (Inuit oil lamp) and how to keep it lit and keep it going. I shared how their great-great-mothers used these qulliqs for very plain reasons like cooking and keeping their tent, qarmak (sod house) or igluvigait warm and to dry wet clothes. They are all quiet listening to me talk about qulliit just as I am in the Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit Sessions listening to our amazing elders talk from their memories.

(I teach inmates about addictions and Inuit traditional living among other things.)

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Baffin Correctional Centre
Makigiavik

Dear colleagues-This article is about elders advice. I'd like to thank **Appitak Enuaraq** for his assistance.
Qujannamiiraaluk Appitak!

I wish to thank my colleague and a good friend, Joyce Carter for making it English friendly. **Qujan-namiiraaluk Joyce!**

With this particular article, I just wrote down the main points like I always do with the other articles but I did not elaborate on them. It is up to you to find out what exactly what they are saying. Of course different people will have different perspective on these. If I were to write this article with all the points etc., it could be a book. I don't think you want to read a book at this time, wait until I retire, then I might consider it, maybe.

As usual, please feel free to suggest, add, delete or comment on the article. Please feel free to suggest a topic for a future article. I truly value all suggestions and comments as they inspire me to keep writing.

Qujannamiik,

Advice from Elders

Elijah Tigullaraq

Advice from the elders. Here are some of them...

- live in harmony, live clean and not be a burden to others
- listen to elder's advice, even if you do not agree with them
- don't do things that will have negative impact on others
- do not disappoint the animal world
- pay attention to the environment
- pay attention to the animals around you
- listen to and pay attention to the weather
- respect all things, animals, environment, others, insects, in-laws, and people
- there will be another time
- if you see anyone needing water, give them some; if you see someone hungry, feed them
- treat other people well, as you would your own relatives
- help whenever someone needs it without being asked
- all young people grow up...elders were not born old
- treat everyone the same; no special treatment
- do not love one child more than another
- be part of the community by contributing what you can, regardless how big/small
- do not speak negative things about your spouse to your relatives
- do not talk about personal things with other people that are not involved
- if you do something wrong, make it up somehow
- the animals know your character even though you may never have seen that animal, i.e. Polar bears
- even if something bad is done to you, do not retaliate, there are consequences for those who retaliate
- do not take what does not belong to you
- do not make fun or dwell on one's handicap
- never argue about a child in their presence
- many people do change for the better, given a chance to

