

JOB OPENING - HEILTSUK CULTURAL EDUCATION CENTRE
July - September 2016

Title of the position: Language and Culture Special Project Liaison

Department: Heiltsuk Cultural Education Centre / Heiltsuk Integrated Resource Management Department

Reports to: Culture & Heritage Manager / HCEC Director

Consults with (works with on a regular basis):

Culture & Heritage Manager HIRMD/HCEC, HCEC Resource Centre & Research Assistant and members of project team at UBC (First Nations and Endangered Languages Program, Museum of Anthropology, the Xwi7xwa Library, and the School of Library, Archival and Information Studies)

Job Status & Duration

3 month contract. Hours of work 150. [Governed by the HTC Employee Policy including Code of Ethics. BBCS Code of Ethics with respect to student and staff confidentiality]

Compensation

Negotiable, depending upon qualifications

Deadline for Applications

June 17, 2016

Overall Goals & Job Objectives

- To coordinate the work of producing a descriptive report and a bibliography of the varied products of research pertaining to language and culture documentation, conservation and revitalization held by HCEC;
- To participate in developing a description of the types of materials (e.g., by content, format, type) held by HCEC that contribute to the record of Heiltsuk history, accomplishments, and knowledge;
- To promote community use and awareness of the HCEC resource collections through discussions with community members, in close consultation with the project team;
- To advise and support visiting members of the project team through locating community orientation materials, introducing team members to appropriate members of the community, consulting on lodging, and needed supplies and other tasks, as needed;
- To contribute ideas for improving the organization, representation, and descriptions of HCEC's collections to ensure: a) accessibility; b) physical care and protection; and c) protection and proper administration of all original materials in the name of the Heiltsuk nation or individual contributors;

Project Background and Context

This research project is a cooperation between the Heiltsuk Cultural Education Centre and the University of British Columbia with external funding provided by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (#421-2015-2076).

Through the project, the research team will describe, explore and examine how the Heiltsuk Cultural Education Centre is responding to the expansion and growing use of emerging

digital technologies for collecting, protecting and connecting the Heiltsuk culture and language.

The Heiltsuk Cultural Education Centre houses a diverse and comprehensive collection of historical, cultural, and linguistic records related to Heiltsuk history, accomplishments, beliefs and customs. Documents include books, photographs, audio and video recordings. The collection reflects the efforts and initiatives of the Heiltsuk Tribal Council and community to support the documentation, revitalization and further advancement of Heiltsuk culture and values.

By describing and celebrating evolving and emerging Heiltsuk initiatives to preserve and revitalize the Heiltsuk language, the knowledge synthesis report will identify gaps in knowledge, identify promising patterns and solutions and focus on recommendations for best practices to ensure that the opportunities provided by emerging technologies can be best leveraged for community-led projects.

Desired qualifications of a successful candidate:

- Knowledge of and commitment to advancing awareness and understanding of the resources currently available in the community (for example through the HCEC) to support awareness and understanding of Heiltsuk language, history, and cultural values;
- Ability to make inquiries into community wishes and priorities for accessing the resources related to Heiltsuk language, history, and cultural values in the community (for example through HCEC);
- Experience of and exposure to Heiltsuk community uses of emergent technology in homes, offices and educational settings;
- Experience working in the digital (computer) environment;
- Patience and attention to detail;
- Willingness and ability to help coordinate the production a descriptive report and an illustrative bibliography of the varied products of research pertaining to language and culture documentation, conservation and revitalization held by HCEC;
- Strong communication skills and ability to be self directed and work as part of a multi-sited team;
- Availability to start work in July and work through the end of September 2016.

More Information contact: Culture & Heritage Manager, HIRMD

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To apply, please submit a letter of interest and resume, by June 17, 2016