



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Community Forum Prioritizes Indigenous Leadership in the Sustainable Development Goals**

Peterborough ON (February 8th, 2021) Have you imagined a world in which we all have what we need to live a good life without compromising the future of our species and planet?

**Kawartha World Issues Centre** and **GreenUP** invite you to a free virtual community forum on February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> entitled, *Centering Indigenous Leadership and Diverse Perspectives to Advance the Sustainable Development Goals in Nogojiwanong/Peterborough*.

This event builds on the collective work of over 100 community members on five local priority Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): SDG #1 No Poverty, SDG # 4 Quality Education, SDG #6 Clean Water and Sanitation, SDG #13 Climate Action, and Prioritizing Indigenous Leadership.

Unanimously adopted by world leaders at a historic United Nations summit in September 2015, the SDGs are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global partnership. The goals recognize that ending poverty must be aligned with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth – all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.

Leaving No One Behind (LNOB) is a collective commitment to combat discrimination, rising inequalities, and their root causes within and amongst countries.

“The emphasis of this project on Indigenous Leadership and Leaving No One Behind is an excellent example of how communities can take the SDG framework and make it locally relevant through thoughtful partnerships,” shared Shaelyn Wabegijig, SDG Project Coordinator at the Kawartha World Issues Centre. “Local, on-the-ground initiatives directly support Canada’s commitments to the global community to meet our targets for the 2030 Agenda. We’re excited to see how this important work evolves.”

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Follow this link for more details on the Community Forum and to register:

<https://advancingthesdgscommunityforum.eventbrite.com>

Everyone is welcome – we hope you will join us.

This Forum is happening in three interconnected sessions, as shown below:

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Leaving No One Behind in Nogojiwanong/Peterborough</b>
Wed., Feb 24 <sup>th</sup> 10:00-12:30pm	Indigenous Leadership Presentation: "Looking to the past to move us forward"
Wed., Feb 24 <sup>th</sup> 7-9pm	Why an Intersectional Approach and Indigenous Leadership are Central to Leaving No One Behind
Thurs., Feb 25 <sup>th</sup> 10:00-12:30pm	Localizing the SDGs through the Lens of Leaving No One Behind and Intersectionality
Registration	Eventbrite: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/leaving-no-one-behind-advancing-the-sdgs">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/leaving-no-one-behind-advancing-the-sdgs</a>

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