

“Our vision for the program is to empower Aboriginal women, to create space for them to connect – with other women leaders and with themselves – and to enable them to gain deeper knowledge of their own values and passions. This wisdom will lead them to a journey of lifelong learning and balanced leadership”

**2014 Learning to Lead™
 Combining Our Strength™
 A Leadership Development Program
 July 4-6, 2014**

Overview

The mission of the Minerva Foundation for BC Women is to elevate the visibility, influence and contribution of women leaders and through that, change the face of leadership in BC. The Minerva Foundation’s Combining Our Strength™ initiative is a joint partnership of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal women and is led by a Council of respected Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal women leaders located throughout the Province.

Program Overview

| Part 1 (July 4-6 , 2014) | Part 2 |
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| Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal women from communities throughout the province join together for a weekend in Vancouver . This is an exciting opportunity to participate in fun and informative workshops, become inspired by fantastic keynote speakers, and interact with other Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal women who are exceptional leaders in their communities. | Participants will partake in the Community Leadership Circles portion of the program which will consist of 6 sessions (or equivalent time) held over the following 8 months in their own communities. These Community Leadership Circles are designed to further develop leadership skills and will also offer coaching if needed by the participant. |

Dates, Venue, Transportation, Accommodation

Dates: July 4 - 6, 2014

Venue: St. John’s College, University of British Columbia in Vancouver, BC

Transportation/Accommodation: Transportation (includes air and/or bus travel) to UBC and accommodation on the UBC campus will be provided for participants from **OUTSIDE the Lower Mainland**.

Cost: FREE to participants

The Minerva Foundation and their sponsors cover the cost of all program activities and meals for each participant. Our expectation is that each participant will fully engage with all of the other participants and activities, and enjoy this time of collaborative learning.

Selection Criteria & Participant Obligations

Please see a copy of our tentative 2014 agenda for the weekend portion of the program. This is provided so that participants can get a sense of the time commitment.

We wish to have representatives with a variety of leadership experiences and of all ages. However, we can only accommodate 8 participants from each community identified [Lower Mainland, Kamloops, Kitimat/Terrace (Haisla First Nation & Kitsumkalum and Kitselas First Nations), Prince Rupert (Metlakatla First Nation) and Fort St. John/Chetwynd (Blueberry First Nation & Sauteau and West Moberly First Nations)].

We invite you to submit an “Expression of Interest” in which you provide some details of your personal, leadership experiences and information that will help us pick you! Remember, leadership can be demonstrated at home, in volunteer work, during recreation, and at school; leadership is not only found in the workplace.

Attached is an “Expression of Interest” form. Please complete this and send it, via email, **ASAP** to nicolep@theminervafoundation.com . Alternatively, you could fax your “Expression of Interest” to **Attention: Nicole-Ann Poitras** at **604-683-7695**.

We practice a rolling acceptance model. This means that we will start accepting participants that are well suited for the program as soon as we receive their Expressions of Interest, until all available positions are filled. Make sure to get yours in as soon as possible!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Nicole at nicolep@theminervafoundation.com or 604-683-7635 ext. 224.

Sample Only – Subject to Change

**2014 Learning to Lead™ Combining Our Strength™
 Weekend Program
 Celebration**

Friday, July 4th

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| 3:00 – 5:30 | Registration & Networking | Social Lounge/ Seminar Room |
| 5:30 – 6:10 | Welcome – Opening Prayer | Dining Hall |
| | Theme: <i>Giving Back</i> | |
| | Witnessing Ceremony & Elder Recognition Agreements | |
| 6:10 – 6:20 | Message From the Minerva Foundation for BC Women | |
| 6:20 – 7:20 | Dinner | Dining Hall |
| 7:20 – 8:00 | Keynote | |
| 8:00 – 8:45 | Icebreaker: Self Introductions | |
| 8:45 – 9:15 | Community Leadership Circles & Closing | Dining Hall |

Saturday, July 5th

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| 7:30 – 8:30 | Crafts/Optional Activity | Seminar Room |
| 7:30 – 8:30 | Breakfast | Social Lounge |
| 8:30 – 10:00 | Workshop 1: Insights | Dining Hall |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | Break/Snack | Social Lounge |
| 10:15 – 12:00 | Insights continued | Dining Hall |
| 12:00 – 1:00 | Lunch <i>12:45 Comm. Circle Facilitators gather group for Comm. Photos</i> | Dining Hall Courtyard |
| 1:00 – 3:00 | Workshop 2: Values Driven Leadership or Values Level 2 | Dining Hall |
| 3:00 – 3:15 | Break | Social Lounge |
| 3:15 – 5:15 | Workshop 3: Public Speaking or Public Speaking Level 2 | *Need 2 rooms |
| 5:15 – 5:30 | Break | Social Lounge |
| 5:30 – 6:30 | Workshop 4: Called to Action | Dining Hall |
| 6:30 – 7:30 | Dinner | Dining Hall |
| 7:30 – 9:00 | Community Leadership Circles Continued | Dining Hall |

Sunday, July 6th

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| 7:30 – 8:30 | Crafts | Seminar Room |
| 7:30 – 8:30 | Breakfast | Dining Hall |
| 8:30 – 11:00 | Workshop 4 - <i>Amazing Race</i> <i>Workshop Debrief (10-11am)</i> | Dining Hall/Campus |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | Break Community Photos (not completed during Saturday Lunch) | Social Lounge |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | Group Photo for ALL participants | |
| 11:45-12:00 | Evaluations | Dining Hall |
| 12:00– 12:30 | Closing (Witnesses; Vision Boards) | Dining Hall |
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July 4 - 6, 2014
St. John's College, UBC

Instructions on how to save the application form:

1. Fill out form by printing out and scanning or by auto fill with Adobe Acrobat.
2. Save the file with your name e.g. "Jane Smith Expression of Interest".
3. Email this saved Word document to nicolep@theminervafoundation.com or, alternatively, you can fax this document to **Attention: Nicole-Ann Poitras, at 604-683-7695.**

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| NAME: | |
| (Given) | (Middle) |
| (Surname) | |
| BIRTHDATE (DD/MM/YY): | |
| STREET ADDRESS: | |
| CITY/TOWN: | POSTAL CODE: |
| TELEPHONE: | E-MAIL: |
| ABORIGINAL ANCESTRY & AFFILIATION (IF APPLICABLE): | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Nation: _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Métis: _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inuit: _____ | |

BRIEFLY TELL US ABOUT YOUR EDUCATION HISTORY (this might include academic, cultural and family teachings):

WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT JOB?:

WHAT ARE YOUR LEADERSHIP GOALS?:

Please share with us a little bit more about yourself and why you would like to participate in the Learning to Lead Combining Our Strength program:

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT MINERVA?: