



**Posting
Centre Walgwan Center
Directors for our Board**

Deadline date: November 30, 2018

An opportunity to help Indigenous youth!

The Centre Walgwan Center has been in operation for 21 years. We are a non-profit, accredited treatment centre for Indigenous youth between the ages of 12-17 years challenged by substance misuse. At a time when so many Indigenous youth are struggling, in rural and in urban settings, with their emotional well-being and social supports, the Centre Walgwan Center would like to be more innovative and creative in addressing their needs. The Center is located in the Mi'gmaq territory of Gesgapegiag on the Gaspé Coast. We provide services to youth from First Peoples communities throughout Québec and the Atlantic provinces. You can have a look at our Center on the website at www.walgwan.com.

Walgwan's Vision is to...Empower and engage Indigenous youth to be fully in control of their wellbeing and their lives and contribute to the wellbeing of their families and communities.

Walgwan's Mission is to...Support, engage and empower each Indigenous Youth who seeks help in her/his personal journey to a sustained, holistic and culturally-rooted well-being and a healthy life. We achieve this with full respect for the dignity, value and safety of each person.

We are looking towards a renewal at the level of our board of directors and hope to attract potential First Peoples candidates with a variety of competencies, including knowledge of addiction and mental health, healing and wellness, child development and education, governance and strategic thinking, financial management, communications and public relations, human resources management, etc. Such a renewal would provide us with the additional energy and knowledge we need to better meet the needs of the youth, their families and their communities. It is important to note that **Board members will not serve as political representatives** of their Band or Nation, but rather as individuals willing to help rejuvenate our governance. Candidates chosen to serve on the board will have to agree to sign our Conflict of Interest and Ethics Codes and the Oath of Confidentiality. The Board meets four times a year, generally in Quebec City.

If this challenge calls to you **please provide a letter of intent by fax to 418-759-3064 or email to our President, Jackie Kistabish at: jackiewalgwan@gmail.com**. A small internal committee will screen candidates. For more information, please contact Cynthia Dow, staff support, at 418-759-3006, extension 221 or 222.