



RELAW: Revitalizing Indigenous Law for Land, Air and Water and Communities

Dates and Key Themes of RELAW Co-learning Program

May 19-22, 2020	Introduction to story-based method; working towards a trauma-informed approach
Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2020	Facilitation skills & creating community dialogue
April 13-16, 2021	Implementation and enforcement of Indigenous law

*With online learning session/check-in between retreats

The 2020-21 RELAW Retreats in the Co-Learning Program

Retreat One: Indigenous Law in Stories

Dates:	May 19-22, 2020 (retreat begins at mid-day on the 19 th and finishes at mid-day on the 22 nd)
Location:	Sts'ailes Lhawathet Lalem Healing Retreat Centre (approximately 140 km east of Vancouver)
<p>Themes:</p> <p>Story: This retreat explores the role of stories in communicating the unique legal traditions of Indigenous peoples. We introduce an approach developed by the Indigenous Law Research Unit at the University of Victoria for engaging with the teachings found in the stories. This approach is accessible for participants regardless of their language ability or previous knowledge of their stories and law.</p> <p>A trauma-informed approach: Dialogue with elders, knowledge holders and community members is an essential part of the “work” of Indigenous law, but a legacy of personal and community trauma in Indigenous communities can impact this work. Trainer Jessie Hemphill will guide the group in developing practices of trauma-informed facilitation.</p> <p>Land and community-based learning: With the guidance of Sts’ailes community members and staff, we will learn more about the territory, people and stories of Sts’ailes (this will be an element of all retreats).</p>	

Retreat Two: Indigenous Law in Dialogue

Dates:	September 29 - October 1
Location:	Sts'ailes Lhawathet Lalem Healing Retreat Centre
Themes: Indigenous legal processes: What do Indigenous stories teach us about the process and procedures for decision-making, and who needs to be involved? Community dialogue and deliberation: Participants at this retreat will learn together about designing and facilitating community dialogue and deliberation grounded in their nation's own legal tradition and best practices in inclusive community engagement. * "Dialogue is a conversation in which people think together in relationship. Deliberation is a conversation to make a <i>choice</i> about how to <i>act</i> together." (Susanna Haas Lyons, RELAW course materials) * "At its most basic level, law is collaborative problem-solving and decision-making through public institutions with legal processes of reason and deliberation." (Dr. Val Napoleon, ILRU)	

Retreat Three: Indigenous Law in Action

Dates:	April 13-16, 2021
Location:	Sts'ailes Lhawathet Lalem Healing Retreat Centre
Themes: Indigenous law enforcement: On the land, in the courts, and in the boardroom, Indigenous nations are implementing and enforcing their laws. Learn from the experiences of other nations and share your own. Includes co-learning opportunities about Indigenous guardian programs.	