INDIGITIZATION FUTURES FORUM

Welcome to the Indigitization Futures Forum at the University of British Columbia. We are gathering on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the Musqueam people to learn from each other. The Forum will highlight information management practices that are working well in communities, and discuss challenges and obstacles that need to be overcome. By the end of the weekend, the Indigitization program hopes to have a clear direction on how best to support communities in British Columbia to digitize and manage Indigenous knowledge going forward.

The Forum includes workshops on digitizing specific formats such as VHS and images, a workshop on accessing language documentation for revitalization, and an introduction to content management software (Murkutu) designed to support cultural protocols. We will all come together at panel sessions lead by former Indigitization grant recipients to hear about how communities are making digital audio recordings available to their communities through language programs and other initiatives, and how they are dealing with the challenges of determining rights and developing protocols for access. We will also hear how some projects have developed techniques and projects beyond those funded by Indigitization.

Indigitization is grateful to our major sponsors: the Vancouver Foundation, the Institute for Critical Indigenous Studies and the Sustainable Heritage Network. Thank you to everyone who worked to bring us together for this important discussion.

Sincerely,

The Indigitization Steering Committee

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2016 – AT THE IRVING K. BARBER LEARNING CENTRE

	Friday Workshop A:	Friday Workshop B:
1:00- 4:00pm; *hosted coffee break midway*	Introduction to Mukurtu CMS	Accessing legacy materials for community-based language documentation and revitalization
Coordinator	Sustainable Heritage Network Team	Dr. Daisy Rosenblum
Location	Terrace Lab, School of Library Archival, and Information Studies, 4th floor of the Irving K Barber Learning Centre	Peace River Room, Room 261, Irving K Barber Learning Centre
Description	This workshop will provide an introduction to the development of Mukurtu CMS, current examples of community projects and hands on practice with the platform. Participants will engage in discussion and receive training in the core elements of Mukurtu: Communities, Cultural Protocols, Categories, and Digital Heritage items, as well as Mukurtu Mobile, the companion mobile collection app.	This workshop will provide an orientation to the vastly useful resources for language and culture revitalization available in memory-keeping institutions such as archives, museums and libraries. Students will come away knowing where to look for previous documentation of their language and culture, what to look for, how to access and interpret such materials, how to digitize, store and manage data once it has been recovered, which hardware and software tools can contribute to the research, and how these reclaimed digital materials can serve as tremendous assets to the ongoing documentation and revitalization of language and culture.

The registration table opens at 8:15am on Saturday at the Longhouse

For program updates and speaker biographies, please see http://www.indigitization.ca/program/

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016 – AT THE FIRST NATIONS LONGHOUSE AND MUSQUEAM

Time	Activity	Speakers	Description	Moderator
8:15am	Light Breakfast *(hosted)*			
9:00am	Opening and welcome to the Longhouse	Featuring Musqueam Elder Larry Grant		Gordon Yusko
9:30am	Hearing the past and speaking about the future	Joey Caro Dr. Bernice Touchie Rory Housty	Past Indigitization participants will reflect on their audio digitization projects, the tensions they encountered, how this work helped or will help their communities, and what they plan to do next. The power of hearing voices from the past, the challenges of sharing recordings without clear rights protocols, and the next steps for making the recordings and their content available to the community will be presented. Lessons learned from dealing with new technologies and old tapes will also be discussed.	Deborah Lee
10:15am	Questions			
10:30am	Coffee Break *(hosted)*			
11:00am	Panel two: Respecting rights while providing access to digitized content	Sherry Stump Dave Schaepe Kate Hennessy	Panelists will share insights they acquired through developing access protocols and policies to the newly digitized content. Providing access to audio recordings and other media and using them in language and other programs requires careful consideration of many factors, especially the rights associated with their use. Considerations of the big picture, including overall governance and the rights of individuals, families and the community will be featured in this panel.	Melissa Adams
12:15pm	Questions			
12:30pm	Lunch *(hosted)* and discussion	Dr. Candace Galla & Dr. Mark Turin: "Digital Futures: Indigenous Language Revitalization in the 21st Century"		
1:45pm	Panel three: Keeping it all together: Information systems and content management	Alissa Cherry Elizabeth Shaffer Amber Ridington Michael Wynne	Indigitization participants who have implemented information management systems will discuss how they are integrating varied media files and information about these files within specific management tools. Other individuals developing or using content management systems will share insights regarding how these systems may or may not meet the needs of different Indigenous communities.	Alissa Cherry
2:45pm	Questions			
3:00pm	Coffee Break *(hosted)* and tour of X̱wi7x̱wa Library			

3:45pm	Panel four: Connecting and revitalizing: making media work for the community	Dr. Marianne Ignace Aaron Leon Marvin Williams Ramona Rose	The long-term goal of Indigitization is to support the integrating of digital content into community programs. The Aboriginal Audio Digitization and Preservation Program (AADPP) was an initial step for some communities towards making audio recordings accessible for community use. This panel will talk about how time-based and other media has been integrated into language and other programs providing forum participants ideas concerning the next steps in making media accessible.	Jenna Walsh
4:45pm	Questions			
5:00pm	Health break			
5:30pm	Board buses for Musqueam Dinner			
5:40pm	Buses depart UBC			
6:10pm	Traditional Musqueam Welcome			
6:30pm	Dinner *(hosted)*			
7:20pm	UBC First Nations and Endangered Languages Program Musqueam Team Members' Keynote		Jill Campbell and Vanessa Campbell	
7:40pm	Dessert and coffee *(hosted)*			
8:00pm	Rotating tours of the Cultural Centre and Musqueam Lands		Musqueam Tour Guides	
9:15pm	Load buses			
9:30pm	Departure and Return to Ponderosa Suites at UBC			

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2016 – AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Time	Activity	Speakers	Description
8:30am	Light Breakfast *(hosted)*		
9:00am Longhouse	Panel five: Keeping it going: Carrying the knowledge forward	Gerry Lawson Elizabeth McManus Kristy Waller Bella Alphonse Sherry Stump	Some Indigitization participants have developed expertise specialized topics such as noise reduction, others have been working on digitizing new formats, such as open reel. Panelists will share their knowledge of these methods and procedures. An update on audio equipment and software will also be presented as digital technologies are constantly evolving.
10:15am	Coffee Break *(hosted)*		
10:30am Longhouse	Facilitated Discussions	Ann Stevenson Alissa Cherry Sarah Dupont	
12:15pm	**Boxed Lunch** *(hosted)* **and Event Closing**		

	Sunday Workshop A:	Sunday Workshop B:
1:00- 4:00pm *hosted coffee break midway*	VHS Digitization: Best Practices and Training	Photographic Image Digitization Workshop
Coordinator	Sustainable Heritage Network Team	Alissa Cherry and Ann Stevenson
Location	Terrace Lab, School of Library Archival, and Information Studies, 4th floor of the Irving K Barber Learning Centre	Museum of Anthropology
Description	This workshop will cover standards and best practices for digitizing VHS cassettes. Instructors will present workflow and project planning tips and recommendations for video digitization. Participants will receive hands-on practice with two different methods of VHS digitization, suitable for differing budgets and workflows.	This workshop will provide an introduction and overview of digitizing photographic materials in a few common formats using both flatbed and film scanners. Planning an image digitization project, scanning workflows, digital image processing and correction, and derivative creation will all be discussed and/or demonstrated. The basics of document scanning will also be presented in less detail with a focus on how it differs from image digitization.

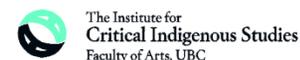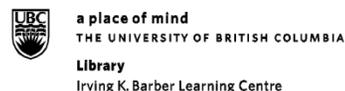# SUSTAINABLE DRINKING WATER AT THE LONGHOUSE

The United Nations has recognized access to water as a basic human right. At UBC, access to safe drinking water is something that many of us take for granted, but many First Nations communities in Canada do not have access to safe drinking water.

The availability of water, the quality of that water, and the future of water resources are major concerns facing First Nation communities. At the Longhouse, the First Nations House of Learning encourages sustainable and respectful use of water. Bottled water is not served at this gathering. All water served originates from the City of Vancouver water systems. Drinking Metro Vancouver water saves money, reduces greenhouse gases, and prevents plastic bottles from ending up in landfills and oceans.

The Indigitization Futures Forum has provided reusable water bottles that can be filled from the water stations at the First Nations Longhouse venue.

Please bring your water bottle for each day of the Forum.

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