



StartUP Nations – First Nations Youth Entrepreneurship Collective (Social Economy)

The Economic Development Unit would like to recruit a group of youth (aged 15-35) from Listuguj to attend the next edition of StartUP Nations taking place May 23-25, 2019 in Montreal.

The idea is that we will work as a team and decide on one social economy venture to propose and develop a business model for. We will meet other First Nations youth across Quebec and be connected with resources and support to carry out our project proposals. Although not necessary, we will attempt to choose a project that we can actually get started on and continue in Listuguj after this event is over.

StartUP Nations is a project which supports young First Nations members in becoming actors of change. It encourages young people to get involved and put their creativity into use to meet the needs and to contribute to the sociocultural and economic development of their communities. The aim is to provide participants with the skills to develop their business acumen and self-confidence, so they can go home with strength and courage to achieve their goals for themselves and their communities.

There will be an information session held on Thursday, March 14 from 5-7pm in Classroom 1 in the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Development Centre (LMDC) Building.

If you are between the ages of 15-35 and interested in attending, please complete the application form and send it to Paige Isaac, paige.isaac@listuguj.ca or drop it off at the Band Office before Friday, March 22, 2019.

More Information on Social Economy:

The word social in social economy refers to a contribution by an enterprise that goes beyond an economic contribution. It is not just about making money. The social contribution of an enterprise may be defined as: The promotion of values such as democracy and autonomy; Improved quality of life within a community; Job creation; Social and professional inclusion; Individual and community empowerment; Increased social viability (social solidarity, community mobilization, community access to services, etc.).

For more information on Social Economy: <http://cssspnql.com/docs/default-source/centre-de-documentation/cssspnql-brochure-ang-web.pdf?sfvrsn=2>