

***The Listuguj Education, Training and Employment's Mi'gmaq Immersion Program is seeking Silent Speakers.***

***Do you think you are a Silent Speaker? Do you want to build confidence to speak and use your language?***

***We want to organize a language program especially for you!***

Who is a silent speaker?

A silent speaker is someone who understands a language well but does not speak it. There are many different kinds of silent speakers.

Examples:

- Residential school survivors who spoke their language before attending school.
- People who grew up hearing a language and understand it but do not speak it.
- People who grew up with a fluent speaker in the home and understand the language but do not speak it.
- People who have studied extensively and have developed a high level of ability in reading and writing their language but do not speak it.
- Speakers who moved away from the community for some time and do not feel comfortable speaking now that they have moved back.
- Speakers who speak a different dialect of the same language and do not feel comfortable speaking within a community where another dialect is more common.
- Speakers who simply haven't spoken for years because they haven't really had anyone to speak with.

Who is NOT a Silent Speakers?

- A new language learner.
- Language learners with beginner or intermediate language proficiency.
- Someone who lost their abilities due to stroke or other health issues.
- A speaker who can speak comfortably in most situations.

**Kindly return completed surveys to the Listuguj Education Complex, (418) 788-2248 or email to [kammy.vicaire@listuguj.ca](mailto:kammy.vicaire@listuguj.ca)**

## Silent Speaker Survey

**Name:**

**Date of birth:**

**Home community:**

**1- How would you like to be taught the language?**

- (a) At home with a mentor
- (b) In the classroom with a teacher
- (c) Outdoors with group activities
- (d) Other, please describe

**2- What teaching method do you prefer?**

- (a) 1 on 1
- (b) Classroom
- (c) Group

**3- Realistically, how much time can you invest in learning the language?**

- (a) 1 hour / day
- (b) 1.5 hours, 3 days / week
- (c) Full-time
- (d) Other, please describe

**4- How do you envision a mentor program?**

**5- What days of the week work best for you?**

- (a) Monday – Friday, during the day
- (b) Evenings
- (c) Weekends

**6- If you wanted to participate, do you need help with childcare?**

- (a) Yes
- (b) No

**7- Do you have any interest in later becoming a language teacher?**

- (a) Yes
- (b) No
- (c) Maybe

**8- Do you have any interest in later developing Curriculum Content in the language?**

- (a) Yes
- (b) No
- (c) Maybe