



**Edmonton 2 Spirit Society (E2S)**

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**Two Spirit Community Educator Announcement**

The E2S Board of Directors and Staff are pleased to announce E2S' new Two Spirit Community Educator, Sissy Thiessen Kootenayoo. Through a successful application to the Community Grants program through Edmonton Community Foundation, E2S was able to secure a part-time Two Spirit Community Educator who will work collaboratively through E2S and the altView Foundation. Sissy will provide education and support to teachers, parents, school administration, community partners, and youth through presentations and information sessions created through this role. We are very excited to have Sissy join our team as she brings with her a vibrant energy and a wealth of experience as a former member of the board of Edmonton Two Spirit Society and a proud member of our community.

Sissy (she/her) is a Two Spirit Indigiqueer Treaty 6 Nakota Sioux, Cree & German cultural facilitator, educator, Powwow dancer, crafter, spoken word poet, singer and creative writer with ancestral roots in both Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation and Steinbach, Manitoba. As the Owner & Operator of



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[www.wasesabaexperiences.ca](http://www.wasesabaexperiences.ca) (Walk-Say Sah-Bah Stoney: Black Bear), Sissy offers various cultural performance and education services, including: Powwow dance performance and instruction, story telling, crafting, beading, Blanket Exercise facilitation, Indigenous awareness education, youth programming, spoken word poetry and knowledge exchange, among others.

Sissy studied Communications & Journalism at Mount Royal University and has won various awards in the areas of community enrichment, cultural involvement and journalism. For the past 6 years, she has been living her passion of educating Albertans, Canadians & international guests of all ages on Indigenous history, issues & culture through dance, crafting, play and the written word. As an artist & facilitator, Sissy also works to raise awareness to social issues, cultural reclamation, sobriety, Indigenous issues, mental health, race and self identity. Sissy has performed Powwow dance, spoken word & song all over Edmonton, the province of Alberta, Canada and the US and she looks forward to bringing this experience to her new role with E2S.

Please join us in welcoming Sissy to this new role with the Edmonton 2 Spirit Society.



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