



Haida Nation Children and Youth Declaration

As Haida Children and Youth, we declare that we have the following Rights that are a central part of our cultural heritage and legacy.

- We have the right to live with our parents, grandparents and family members; and in a community that is safe and free from unhealthy influences and behaviors;
- We have the right to access all the resources that the land, sea, and air have to offer;
- We have the right to practice our culture, language and traditions in a manner that expresses who we are as young Haida;
- We have the right to be informed and meaningfully involved in the governance affairs of the Nation;
- We have the right to freedom of choice and expression, particularly as this relates to our individuality;
- We have the right to play having access to appropriate sports and recreation facilities; and
- We have the right to design and deliver programs, services, interventions and events that support our needs and aspirations.

We understand that with these Rights come Responsibilities; that one cannot exist without the other.

- We are responsible for conducting ourselves in a manner that bestows respect upon our selves and the Haida Nation as a whole;
- We are responsible to become informed regarding the affairs of the Haida Nation and how we may contribute to the well-being and advancement of our people;
- We are responsible to our Elders, past, present and future, ensuring we lead a life that reflects favourably upon our traditional teachings and values;
- We are responsible for using the resources that the land, sea and air have to offer in a sustainable manner, never taking more than we need, ensuring the resources are there for future generations;
- We are responsible to one another, recognizing that no one walks alone, all of us belonging to a vibrant, family-based Nation;
- We are responsible for our choices and the resulting consequences, both good and bad, that flows from these choices; and
- We are responsible for our Nation, as the Haida Nation is only as strong as the level of support and input it receives from its' citizens.

The Haida Nation will continue to prosper, embracing a child-centered approach that holds our children and youth in high regard, recognizing that Haida children and youth are the future and the future is now.

The Haida Nation Children and Youth Declaration is made at Haida Gwaii this 19th day of August, 2010 and signed and witnessed by:

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