



# PETERBOROUGH NATIVE LEARNING PROGRAM

## SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS LEARNERS

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Summary Notes

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# KENDAL NETMAKER

## Bio

Kendal Netmaker is an award-winning entrepreneur, author, and gifted keynote speaker who is on a mission to empower and motivate people worldwide by sharing his story that regardless of where you come from and what challenges you face, you have the power to enact change.

From Sweetgrass First Nation, Kendal and his siblings were raised by their single mother. Life wasn't easy for them, growing up on the reserve surrounded by poverty and few chances for opportunities, but one moment would change their life forever.

Kendal has a natural gift; he's a master storyteller who weaves his real-life experiences into motivating lessons that everyone can use in their own lives. His heartfelt stories are impactful, and he speaks professionally to thousands of people each year on resilience, leadership, and the power of telling your story.

He is a leading entrepreneur whose passion to succeed is contagious. To date, Kendal has founded and invested in 5 businesses. One of them is Neechie Gear® - a lifestyle apparel brand that gives back a percentage of their profits to go toward funding underprivileged youth to empower them to take part in sports. He is the author of Driven To Succeed and won over 25 business awards, including being named one of Canada's Top 40 Under 40® and runner-up at the YBI Global Entrepreneur of the Year.

Kendal lives with his wife and two children in Saskatoon, SK, where he continues to run his company. He delivers virtual and in-person keynotes, as well as executive leadership coaching to organizations.

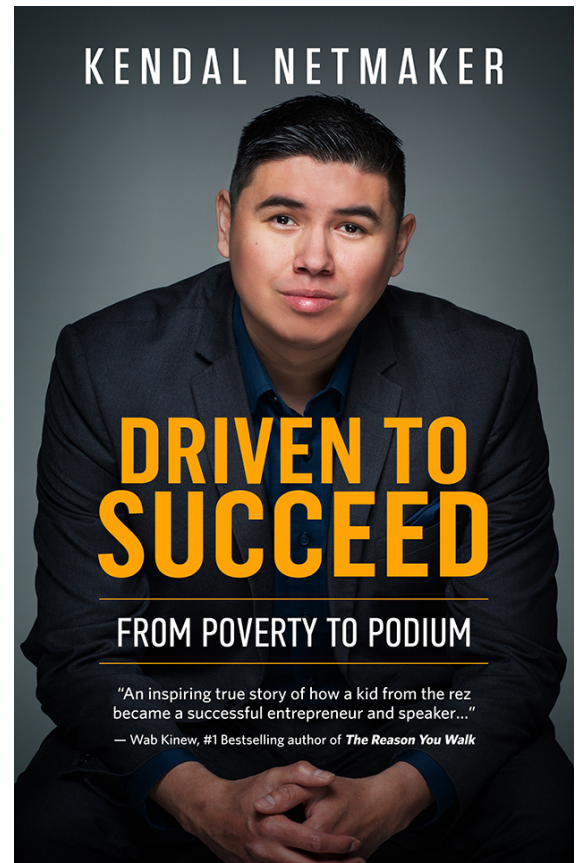


## Links

- Website: <https://kendalnetmaker.com>
- Company: <https://www.neechiegear.com>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/kendalnetmaker/> (lots of great videos)

## Recommendations

- Communication between communities, it is critical we speak to each other
- Move forward together
- Understanding the past so we are able to help going forward
- It is OK to be uncomfortable
- Understand the WHY first
- Teachings – we all have a duty to help
- Recognize that we make decisions today for the future, for others
- Not your fault, but it is your responsibility



## Key Points

1. Eye-contact – be aware that eye contact is seen as disrespectful. By not making eye contact you are showing respect.
2. Handshake – now an elbow bump – is respectful.
3. Accent and clothing – avoid asking a lot of questions or belittling regalia or asking where someone got their accent.
4. Not all Indigenous people have lived on reserves. People leave for urban centres to escape poverty.
5. Intergenerational trauma – everyone is affected in some way – it is important to recognize this and support healthy connections. Mentorship is important.

## PANEL

### Panelists:

Alison Sadowski – Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board [alison\\_sadowski@kprdsb.ca](mailto:alison_sadowski@kprdsb.ca)

Barb Mills – Peterborough Native Learning Program [barb@pnlp.org](mailto:barb@pnlp.org)

Dawn Fidler – Trent Valley Literacy Association - [dfidler@tvla.ca](mailto:dfidler@tvla.ca)

Jason Gilbert - Peterborough Native Learning Program [jason@pnlp.org](mailto:jason@pnlp.org)

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Michael Andrews – Work and Academic Upgrading [michael.andrews@flemingcollege.ca](mailto:michael.andrews@flemingcollege.ca)

### Key Points

- Service coordination is the key – all working together to support learners
- Shared learners – people can be involved with more than one LBS program at the same time
  - E.g., Peterborough Native Learning Program can be supporting a learner who is also completing programs through Good Learning Anywhere
  - E.g., Peterborough Native Learning Program can be supporting a learner who is also working with the School Board and/or Fleming and/or TVLA
- Case coordination is critical, all working together to coordinate wraparound services
- It is all about meeting the needs of the learner – it is customer service
- If there isn't a specific Indigenous focused LBS program in your community, we recommend you:
  - Reach out to Indigenous organizations to learn about programs and services so you can connect learners - for example, a learner may participate in a cultural event and report back to a group at an LBS program or write about it
  - People working in LBS programs attend Indigenous cultural events – this is how we all learn - reach beyond LBS programs
  - Offer support to Indigenous organizations e.g. offer to share space
  - Contact Good Learning Anywhere for information and access to programs and support
  - Access Indigenous resources through Ontario Native Literacy Coalition <https://onlc.ca> and Turtle's Back Publishing <https://onlc.ca/main-resources/>
  - Follow Ontario Indigenous Trainings and Conferences to learn about events: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1385334344928456/>
  - Follow other Indigenous groups on Facebook e.g. GLA: <https://www.facebook.com/goodlearninganywhere>
  - Reach out to the high school programs that offer Indigenous programs
  - Reach out to a college or university programs offering Indigenous programs

# SARAH LEWIS

## Bio

Sarah Lewis is an Anishnaabe Kwe (Ojibwe/Cree) spoken word artist from Curve Lake First Nation who has lived in Peterborough and holds a bachelor's degree in social work from Trent University.

Sarah has been selected as Nogojiwanong-Peterborough's first poet laureate where in her role she will create and present four new works for various civic occasions, including city council meetings and city events and occasions, as well as undertake a program of special events and activities to promote literacy, poetry, local arts, culture, and civic identity.

She is a member of the 2019 Peterborough Poetry Slam Team, as well as a national semi-finalist at the 2019 Canadian Festival of Spoken Word, who has performed her works at approximately 15 slam poetry competitions and dozens of community events. Lewis' work has been published in the Edmonton Indigenous Artists Anthology and she will soon be featured on CBC's Arts YouTube channel.

Sarah spoke about Reconcili'ation

## Links to Poems and Interviews:

Warrior Cry: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HruM58Y0d-c>

Take Them Home: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vAlbkvpufYQ>

Divine Woman: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Xyg1eTzayU>

Interview: <https://globalnews.ca/video/8226385/global-news-morning-peterborough-sarah-lewis-the-citys-first-poet-laureate>

## TURTLES BACK PUBLISHING

Alexandra G. Rosetta,

Ontario Native Learning Coalition <https://onlc.ca/>

Email: [TBP\\_Manager@onlc.ca](mailto:TBP_Manager@onlc.ca)

<https://onlc.ca/main-resources>

- Books and resources available
- Language books, songbooks, and curriculum in Haudenosaunee, Wyandot, Annishnaabe (North and Central dialects), and Cree
- Resources are available for purchase at our online store:
  - [https://onlc.ca/online-store/?fbclid=IwAR3JKP6fDuMnVIKbvQ\\_LMmirDsl7ZtCLJCN9\\_1qZIRwT394TQeasycjppXA](https://onlc.ca/online-store/?fbclid=IwAR3JKP6fDuMnVIKbvQ_LMmirDsl7ZtCLJCN9_1qZIRwT394TQeasycjppXA)
- Highlighted “Akwatsirehkó:wa – My Big Family” explores how the game of lacrosse has spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually aided players from all around the world, through their differing experiences within the sport. <https://onlc.ca/product/6174/>

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# GOOD LEARNING ANYWHERE (GLA)

Julie Mallon: [Julie@shlc.ca](mailto:Julie@shlc.ca)

Good Learning Anywhere: <https://goodlearninganywhere.com>

- Good Learning Anywhere offers online courses to help Ontario adults access job opportunities, develop life skills, and prepare for post-secondary
- We are part of e-channel: <https://e-channel.ca>
- E-channel provides free online education for adults living in Ontario e-Channel is the online Literacy and Basic Skills program. It is funded by Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development. This Employment Ontario program provides online literacy courses to adults in Ontario. Courses may be offered in two ways: Live courses in an online classroom at a scheduled time and anytime courses done independently
- Good Learning Anywhere offers courses, sharing circles which can be supported through groups on location at LBS organizations
- Shared learners – an individual can complete courses through Good Learning Anywhere and be supported through an LBS organization.
- Courses available: <https://goodlearninganywhere.com/courses>
- Sharing Circles – a free web conference series - Sharing Circles offer anyone the opportunity to learn more about First Nations people, their culture, programming updates with Good Learning Anywhere, general interest training sessions, potential Aboriginal art classes, poetry readings and other events we will be hosting. Sharing Circles are a great way to learn more about educational paths in Ontario, to see if online learning works for you, or simply enjoy learning something new. <https://goodlearninganywhere.com/attend-our-sharing-circles/>

## Anishnabe Path of Life

Support at Exit

- Provide referrals to local organizations or resources specific to learner goals
- Communicating that our “door” is always open for re-registration



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## ATTENDEE BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

- Driven to Succeed: Kendal's book:
  - <https://kendalnetmaker.com/driven-to-succeed/>
- Clearing the Plains:
  - <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/17890839-clearing-the-plains>
  - <https://goodminds.com/products/9780889776227>
- 21 Things you may not know about the Indian Act:
  - [https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/38620150-21-things-you-may-not-know-about-the-indian-act?ac=1&from\\_search=true&qid=uStv0i25oV&rank=1](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/38620150-21-things-you-may-not-know-about-the-indian-act?ac=1&from_search=true&qid=uStv0i25oV&rank=1)
  - <https://goodminds.com/products/9780995266520>
- Call Me Indian:
  - [https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/55655496-call-me-indian?from\\_search=true&from\\_srp=true&qid=fD21F8zbfC&rank=1](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/55655496-call-me-indian?from_search=true&from_srp=true&qid=fD21F8zbfC&rank=1)
  - <https://goodminds.com/products/call-me-indian-from-the-trauma-of-residential-school-to-becoming-the-nhls-first-treaty-indigenous-player>
- Indian Horse:
  - [https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/11994903-indian-horse?from\\_search=true&from\\_srp=true&qid=SOj pz4ygEq&rank=1](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/11994903-indian-horse?from_search=true&from_srp=true&qid=SOj pz4ygEq&rank=1)
- Five Little Indians:
  - <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/52214103-five-little-indians>
- Seven Fallen Feathers:
  - <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/33154545-seven-fallen-feathers>
- Unreconciled: Family, Truth, and Indigenous Resistance:
  - <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/58309155-unreconciled>
- The Inconvenient Indian:
  - <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/15797509-the-inconvenient-indian>

## ATTENDEE FILMS, DOCUMENTARIES, PODCASTS, ARTICLES and BLOGS

- Indian Horse critically acclaimed film based on Call Me Indian:
  - <https://www.netflix.com/ca/title/80211455>
- We were Children:
  - <https://newonnetflix.com/canada/movie/338780/we-were-children>
  - <https://gem.cbc.ca/media/we-were-children/s175>
- *Kanehsatake: 270 Years of Resistance*:
  - [https://www.nfb.ca/film/kanehsatake\\_270\\_years\\_of\\_resistance/](https://www.nfb.ca/film/kanehsatake_270_years_of_resistance/)
- *CBC: The Secret Life of Canada*:
  - <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/cbc-podcasts/203-the-secret-life-of-canada>
- *CBC: Telling our Twisted Histories*:
  - <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/cbc-podcasts/906-telling-our-twisted-histories>
- Canada's Residential School System as a Model for Apartheid system:
  - <https://mohawknationnews.com/blog/tag/indian-act-model-for-apartheid/>
- A History of Missteps:
  - [https://www.thestar.com/news/investigations/2010/10/30/a\\_history\\_of\\_missteps.html#:~:text=1940s%3A%20Inspired%20by%20what%20it,apartheid%20after%20the%20Canadian%20system](https://www.thestar.com/news/investigations/2010/10/30/a_history_of_missteps.html#:~:text=1940s%3A%20Inspired%20by%20what%20it,apartheid%20after%20the%20Canadian%20system)
- A National Crime by John Malloy, Trent University:
  - [https://www.amazon.ca/National-Crime-Canadian-Government-Residential/dp/0887557899/ref=asc\\_df\\_0887557899/?tag=googleshopc0c-20&linkCode=df0&hvadid=292967644263&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrand=3351407567167446253&hvpone=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmld=&hvllocint=&hvllocphy=1002384&hvtargid=pla-448498151456&pssc=1](https://www.amazon.ca/National-Crime-Canadian-Government-Residential/dp/0887557899/ref=asc_df_0887557899/?tag=googleshopc0c-20&linkCode=df0&hvadid=292967644263&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrand=3351407567167446253&hvpone=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmld=&hvllocint=&hvllocphy=1002384&hvtargid=pla-448498151456&pssc=1)
- *Unsettling Canada* by Arthur Manuel
  - <https://www.amazon.ca/Unsettling-Canada-National-Wake-Up-Call/dp/1771131764>
- *From the Ashes* by Jesse Thistle:
  - <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/43822761-from-the-ashes>
- *Centering Anishinaabeg Studies: Understanding the World Through Stories* by Doerfler, Sinclair and Stark
  - <https://uofmpress.ca/books/detail/centering-anishinaabeg-studies>
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- *A Mind Spread Out on the Ground* by Alicia Elliott:
  - <https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/40749239-a-mind-spread-out-on-the-ground>
- Smokii Sumac Poet:
  - <https://www.kegedonce.com/authors/>
- The Legacy Project:
  - <https://www.traumastoryhealing.ca>

## INDIGENOUS ORGANIZATIONS MENTIONED BY PARTICIPANTS

List of Provincial Native Friendship Centres (may not be exhaustive)

<https://www.grpseo.org/native-friendship-centres>

Peterborough Native Learning Program

<https://www.pnlp.org/>

Nogojwanong Friendship Centre, Peterborough ON

<https://www.nogofc.ca/>

Alderville First Nation, Roseneath ON

<https://alderville.ca/>

Curve Lake First Nation, Curve Lake ON

<https://curvelakefirstnation.ca/>

Paawidigong First Nations, Dryden ON

<https://www.pfnf.ca/>

Anishnabeg Outreach, Guelph and Kitchener ON

<https://aocan.org/>

Walpole Island First Nations, Bkejwanong Territory

<https://www.walpoleislandfirstnation.ca/>

Fort Erie Native Centre, Fort Erie ON

<https://www.fenfc.org/>

N'Amerind Friendship Centre, London ON

<http://namerind.on.ca/>

Six Nations, Ohsweken ON

<https://www.sixnations.ca/>

Ojibwe Cultural Foundation, M'Chigeeng, ON

<https://ojibwe-cultural-foundation.myshopify.com/>

Trent University, Peterborough ON

<https://www.trentu.ca/wellness/counselling/mental-health-resources/indigenous-supports>

Fleming College <https://flemingcollege.ca/indigenous-fleming>

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We R Native: <https://www.wernative.org/>

Hamilton Regional Indian Centre, Hamilton ON  
<https://www.hric.ca/>

Niagara Peninsula Aboriginal Area Management Board (NPAAMB) Hamilton and Ohsweken  
<https://npaamb.com/>

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