



INDIGENOUS LEARNING & KNOWLEDGE HUB

FOR NATURAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

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April 11, 2025 | 11:00 PT/12:00 MT/1:00 CT/2:00 ET/3:00 AT

Opening



RESTORE ASSERT DEFEND



RAD
NETWORK

About RAD Network

RAD Network emerged to decolonize finance pathways, grow capacity and advance Indigenous rights and responsibilities to care for lands, waters and all our relations through nature-based solutions and nature finance.



2023 RAD Network Vision Gathering.
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**Network Weaver -
Application
Closes April 18th.
Apply Now!**

RAD Champions Shoutout

With gratitude to RAD co-founding leaders:



TRISH NASH



PATRICIA SAULIS



KIM NEALE



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And many more who have
guided and supported our
journey so far...

We extend our gratitude to Elder Ed Perley, Elder Ramona Nicholas, Elder Marina Moulton, Elder Alex Moulton, Elder Tina Perley Martin, Elder Albert Marshall Jr., Elder Larry McDermott, Elder Renee Hill, Elder Alice Kaquitts, Elder Dila Houle, TEK Elders Caroline Recollet

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Context

2018

ICE

We Rise Together - Indigenous Circle of Experts Report

2019

CRP

**Conservation through Reconciliation
Partnership (CRP) forms**

2021

**30x30,
UNDRIP**

Canada commits to 25x25
and 30x30 targets; UNDRIP
ratified and came into force

2022

“Restore, Assert, Defend
Network”

The vision emerges

RAD Network forms



RAD Journey

2023

Convening

Vision Gathering in Wolastoq territory; virtual Full Moon Gatherings; Governance gathering at Six Nations

2024

Funding & Governance

RAD secured 5 years of ECCC funding for the hub; continued weaving and strengthening RAD foundation

2025

RAD Network Hub Launch

RAD Network

Indigenous Learning & Knowledge Hub



- RAD Network will host an Indigenous Natural Climate Solutions learning and knowledge hub with support from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
 - *What are the priorities of Indigenous Nations in NCS research? What capacity is needed?*
 - *What is needed to scale Indigenous-led solutions?*
 - *What jurisdictional pathways create clarity to delineate and secure Indigenous Nations' rights to carbon and other natural assets across Canada?*
 - *How can we embed Nations' rights and responsibilities in projects, regulations, practices and emerging markets? How can we advance ethical space in practice?*
 - *What forms of knowledge sharing can support all actors advancing Indigenous NCS?*

NCS Learning & Knowledge Hubs

Indigenous Hubs



RAD Network Hub

Hosted by Wahkohtowin
Development NFP



Two-Eyed Seeing Hub

Hosted by Unama'ki
Institute of Natural
Resources (UINR)

Ecosystem Hubs & Research Projects



Grasslands Hub

- **University of Alberta**
- Canadian Forage and Grassland Association
- Ducks Unlimited Canada
- *RAD Network*



Wetlands Hub

- **World Wildlife Fund**
Canada (WWF-Canada)
- Hakai Institute
- University of Victoria
- *RAD Network*



Regenerative Forest Stewardship Research Project

- **Mother Tree Network**
- University of British Columbia
- Simon Fraser University
- University of Northern British Columbia
- First Nations partners

Network

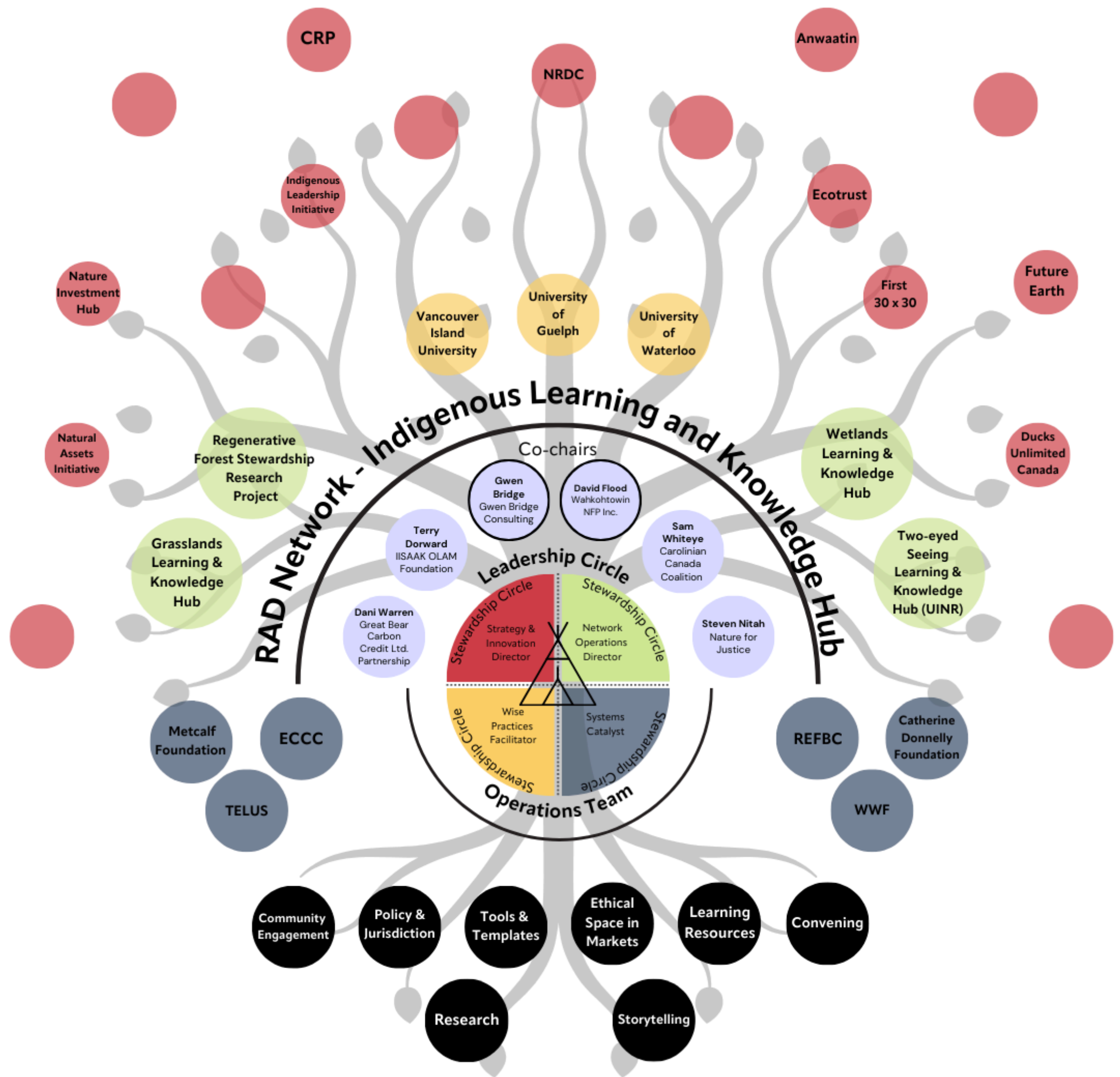
Communities, Partners,
Collaborators

Academic Partners

Ecosystem Hub Partners

Funders

RAD Work Baskets



Network Priorities

1.



Relationships & Collaboration

Growing relationships in a good way through Spirit and Ceremony, Elder engagement, Reciprocity Dialogues, Ethical Space in partnerships and funding relations, grounding in wise practices, weaving relations and removing silos.

2.



Learning & Knowledge Sharing

Welcoming you to regular webinars and learning events, decolonized action research rooted in community priorities & values, accelerator circles, convening, healing circles, podcasts and other storytelling, tools and templates.

3.



Action Research: Grassroots to Systems Change

WORK BASKETS:

1. Community priorities & capacity
2. Rights, policy & jurisdiction
3. Ethical Space in Marketplace

Work Baskets & Activities

Community priorities & capacity

Advancing community projects, priorities and needs

E.g., research framework rooted in ethical space and community priorities, curriculum, convening, Learning Circles, “National” Accelerator for INCS, mentoring, cultural exchange, place-based and ecosystem specific work

Rights, policy & jurisdiction

Removing policy barriers, pathways to acknowledging Indigenous jurisdiction, and right to manage carbon and nature based assets

E.g., Research for policy prioritization, pathway development, legal analysis, tools & protocol development

Ethical Space in marketplace

Advancing Ethical Space in carbon markets & nature finance

E.g., mapping the nature finance ecosystem, market engagement, guidelines for upholding jurisdiction, reports, agreement templates, supporting place-based projects with technical/market advice and connections



Wolastoqiyik Knowledge Carrier Terry Young weaving an ash basket at RAD Vision Gathering. Image Credit: Mag Hood.

Ways to get involved

- **Bring Collaborative Project Ideas**
- **Seasonal Full Moon Gatherings**
 - Stay tuned for June Full Moon details!
- **For communities & groups advancing Indigenous-led projects:**
 - Wayfinding conversations
 - Accelerator Circles
- **For partners:**
 - Network Circle
 - Reciprocity Dialogues
- **Stay tuned for more opportunities** - *Events, learning circles, Community of Practice, collaborative research*



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*New episodes
coming soon!*

Breakout Circles

What are you working on? What priorities could we work on together that could really make a difference?

Work Baskets:

1. Community priorities & capacity
2. Rights, policy & jurisdiction
3. Ethical Space in Marketplace



***Thank you, anushiik, ekosani, miigwetch, masih,
niá:wen, nitsiniiyi'taki, woliwon, wela'lin, hai hai,
ʔeeeko, marsi, ཨ་ལྷོས་གི་རྒྱུ་དང་། giaxsixa, merci.***

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