



**RELAW: Revitalizing Indigenous Law for Land, Air and Water
and Communities**

Dates and Key Themes for 2020-21 RELAW Co-learning Program

“Virtual” Retreat One: Indigenous Law in Stories

Dates:	2:00 – 4:00 pm, May 19, 21, 26, 28, June 2, 4, 2020
Location:	Webinar Series via Zoom video conference (on-line registration required)
Week 1	<i>The Big Picture: Establishing Virtual Relationships & The RELAW Program</i> Hosted by West Coast and past & present RELAW partner(s).
<p>A support network is a significant asset in working with Indigenous laws. The first week will be an introduction to working with Indigenous laws, while establishing safe virtual relationships and learning the overall RELAW program and about each other’s RELAW projects.</p> <p>*Participants who are not currently working on a RELAW project are welcome. Bring your ideas and dreams for what Indigenous law revitalization might mean for your nation.</p>	
Week 2	<i>Working with Stories: Indigenous Law Research Unit Methodology</i> Hosted by West Coast & Special Guests.
<p>There are many ways and methodologies in working with Indigenous laws. In the second week, we will explore the role of stories in communicating the unique legal traditions of Indigenous peoples. We introduce an approach developed by the Indigenous Law Research Unit at the University of Victoria for engaging with the teachings found in the stories.</p> <p>*This approach is accessible for participants regardless of their language ability or previous knowledge of their stories and law.</p>	
Week 3	<i>On the Ground: Trauma-informed Facilitation in Community Dialogue</i> Hosted by Jessie Hemphill & past and present RELAW Community Guides .
<p>Dialogue with elders, knowledge holders and community members is an essential part of the “work” of Indigenous law, but a legacy of personal and community trauma can impact this work. The third week we will learn about ways to host healthy dialogue in community from a trauma-informed approach, with learnings from past & present RELAW community guides.</p>	

Retreat Two: Indigenous Law in Dialogue

Dates:	September 29 - October 1, 2020
Location:	Sts'ailes Lhawathet Lalem Healing Retreat Centre
Themes: Indigenous legal processes: The main question we will reflect on at this retreat is, What do Indigenous stories teach us about the process and procedures for decision-making, and who needs to be involved? Community dialogue and deliberation: Participants at this retreat will learn together about designing and facilitating community dialogue and deliberation grounded in their nation's own legal tradition and best practices in inclusive community engagement. * "Dialogue is a conversation in which people think together in relationship. Deliberation is a conversation to make a <i>choice</i> about how to <i>act</i> together." (Susanna Haas Lyons, RELAW course materials) * "At its most basic level, law is collaborative problem-solving and decision-making through public institutions with legal processes of reason and deliberation." (Dr. Val Napoleon, ILRU)	

Retreat Three: Indigenous Law in Action

Dates:	April 13-16, 2021
Location:	Sts'ailes Lhawathet Lalem Healing Retreat Centre
Themes: Strategies for Indigenous law enforcement: On the land, in the courts, and in the boardroom, Indigenous nations are implementing and enforcing their laws in various ways. Learn from the experiences of other nations and share your own to deepen understandings. This retreat includes co-learning opportunities about Indigenous guardian programs.	