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OVERVIEW

ACS has been delivering Aboriginal awareness education in Saskatchewan since 1997. Our highly trained, respected facilitators deliver education on First Nations and Métis issues from pre-European contact to the present.

Our facilitators create a relaxed environment where attendees feel comfortable discussing Aboriginal issues that are relevant to them both personally and professionally. We believe that attendee participation is key to the program's success. The participants are drawn in through interactive games, quizzes, and the use of humour making for a pleasant learning experience.

PROGRAM CONTENT

Following is a sample ACS program agenda. The agenda is flexible and can incorporate all the topics requested by the client, even topics not listed below. Program content will specifically relate to Saskatchewan's Aboriginal population unless otherwise specified.

Sample Agenda Items

- Introductions and goal setting
- Terminology
- Demographics and socioeconomic issues
- Treaty exercise includes discussion on residential schools, taxation, education, housing, justice and many other stereotypes that exist.
- Land claims. The Indian Act
- Métis history and current issues
- Racism
- Current Aboriginal issues. This section brings together the program's case for increased Aboriginal employment and opportunities.
- Workplace issues. Hiring and retaining Aboriginal People. Protocols.
- Wrap-up



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ABOUT THE FACILITATOR

JOHN LAGIMODIERE

John Lagimodiere is the President/Owner of ACS and a well-respected Saskatchewan entrepreneur. He has been facilitating and hosting Aboriginal awareness seminars for a variety of organizations since 1998. ACS also publishes Eagle Feather News, a Saskatchewan Aboriginal newsmagazine.

John's great, great, great, great grandmother, Marie Anne Lagimodiere, was the first white woman to settle in Western Canada and grandmother to Louis Riel, and therefore, John can trace his Métis family history back to the Red River settlement, the homeland of the Métis Nation. John is a member of the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan, CUMFI Local #165.

John has a Sociology degree from University of Saskatchewan with a focus on Aboriginal history and issues. As a business owner and employer of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people, John is aware of the challenges faced by both employees and employers in the workplace. John also has experience working in a unionized environment including Co-Chair of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee, and contract negotiator representing 250 employees, is on the Employment Insurance Board of Referees and is Chair of the Saskatoon District Council of Affinity Credit Union and is also a Board Member.

John has facilitated Aboriginal awareness training for clients such as SaskTel, Saskatoon Credit Union, SaskHousing, Saskatoon Police Service, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and the University of Saskatchewan. John is a recipient of the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal and was the recipient in 2006 of the City of Saskatoon Living in Harmony award. ACS was also awarded the ABEX for Aboriginal Business in 2009. Over 5000 people have attended seminars hosted by John Lagimodiere.