



# UCWALMICW ORGANIC FARM SCHOOL



Ucwalmicw Centre Society (UCS) is a BC registered non-profit of the T'it'q'et community, part of the St'at'imc Nation. The main purpose of the Society is to develop, manage and maintain an educational and cultural centre for the use of the T'it'q'et membership, as well as the greater Lillooet area. The UCS also serves a primary function of the community's food security initiatives: operating the Ucwalmicw Organic Community Garden.

This year we are proud to announce our Organic Farm School Program, as part of a local food security initiative and invite indigenous communities to participate. This program will empower indigenous students to growing mixed vegetables, fruit trees and raising small herds of livestock, primarily hogs and chickens, using organic and sustainable practices. The education program will use the working farm to teach small-scale, organic and regenerative farming to the community with a priority of incorporating components of Indigenous

food ways. The goal of the farm is to serve five pillars of the community:

#### Education

To provide members of the community with a lifelong skill set of growing food to increase food self-reliance, awareness and personal health.

#### Economic Opportunity

To empower members with an employable skill set in the agriculture industry and to offer job opportunities at the working farm for locals.

#### Community

To use the farm as a gathering space to bring people together and to provide healthy, organic and fresh produce to the community.

#### Indigenous Culture

To encourage members to understand the importance of food self-reliance and working with the land, to use the space to plant native edible plants and to host feasts for celebrations.

#### Food Security

To enhance local capacity in growing food and to strengthen community resiliency to fluctuating food supply and demand from external factors

## Our doors are open now for enrollment!

Program date: July 2020

We will be following Covid-19 protocol to facilitate this program, to keep public health a priority. Please share this news with your community (via word-of-mouth, facebook, newsletter.) As registration is time sensitive. For more information contact: Ucwalmicw Farm School Coordinator – Maka Banga (250)256-0101

