

Information

Ways To Assist Wet'suwet'en Content Creator



I am so grateful for those who have reached out and given amazing feedback. It affirms that the work I am doing is connecting with others, and that is my goal. I want to be able to connect with Indigenous peoples from other Nations and share our realities. This comes at an emotional & monetary cost (more so the former).

I (and others) have noticed that there are not many Indigenous media people - and this is a very important part of this request. We need our voices to be heard, and views & perspectives (visuals) as seen through our eyes. It's an important part of how we are seen, and ensuring that our truths are told.

If each person who liked each post donated \$1 a month to various Indigenous content creators, we could get the tools to make more media from that perspective. We would not have to worry about how we would make ends meet, and be able to focus on the beauty of all that's around us - it makes it much easier during these times of heightened conflict.

If people really want to help, it's a good idea to alleviate pressures when possible - and compensate for emotional labour.

Background

I have taken photography courses (pre-digital photography), and love capturing the real moments. People in laughter and joy... the moments which show our resilience. I have also received the gift of visits from our furred and feathered family members - many of which have been kind enough to allow me to capture images of them. The photos of the territories are nothing more than showing the true beauty of them... but through the eyes of someone who has grown up being on them, and knowing them.

Short-Term Goals

I would like to have the freedom to capture glimpses of our Wet'suwet'en world, and moments with friends and family from other Nations. These territories mean the world to me... much as others territories mean the world to them... This deserves to be shown through media done by our own people.

Long-Term Goals

While talking to others, I have recognized that there is a common theme of ensuring we connect with each other (through many different Nations). I would like to be able to do a podcast, as well develop a website.

The podcast would be Indigenous voices & conversations with amazing people I have connected with over the years, and the website would have media from many of the Nations connecting. While we all have similarities, there are many differences as well... our diversity should be celebrated while we connect.

Equipment or Funding Requested

Funding (Click on links)

- ETransfer: WetsuwetenCas@gmail.com
- [Patreon](#)
- [PayPal](#)
- [GoFundMe](#)

Equipment

- Lumix four thirds lenses - I now have a Panasonic Lumix G9.
- Memory cards for camera (capable of 4K writing)
- Gimbal Stabilizer for iPhone XS
- Laptop for video editing (MacBook Pro) - preferably with FinalCut
- Portable Hard Drive (4TB preferable for 4K capacity)

I will update this list as time goes on.

Why a separate ask (from the camps)?

Funding has come to the camps at different times, specifically for media equipment (or media equipment itself), however much of it is not accounted for (some has been misplaced along the way). I am hoping to gather things that I can care for, and can have with me at all times.

If funding can be found for non-Indigenous media people & filmmakers, why can't the same funding be found for Indigenous peoples who would like to tell our own stories?

What do we get from this?

Those who check out the page that I run (and eventually the website & podcast) will get Indigenous content, from an Indigenous person. My views will be my own, but they'll be authentic... No "Hollywood Indian" here. You will be supporting someone who is passionate about communicating messages, and who is working towards creating a broader platform.

You will get to know you're supporting Indigenous - as I have seen media people who were sent editing tools, drones, and equipment, only to put out content for personal gain, or not allow Wet'suwet'en people to see footage. Acquiring this gear will allow protections against things like this happening.

Masih cyoh for engaging, supporting, following,
and wanting to make change!