

Working Partnerships & Contracted Positions

Skidegate Haida Immersion Program

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The Skidegate Haida Immersion Program (SHIP) is in its sixth year of operation. Currently there are 15 full time equivalent fluent elders enrolled in our program and 10 part time students.

The Purpose of SHIP:

The concern of the elders is that once the fluent Haida speakers pass away the Haida Language would be lost. They wish to remain true to Haida language, heritage and culture - always. This is why the Skidegate Haida Language House opened.

The Goals of SHIP:

1. When we speak the Haida Language then we know we are Haida.
2. We want respect, love and healing for everyone.
3. When we complete our Learning we will receive an Adult Dogwood Diploma.

Our Accomplishments:

1. We have developed a working alphabet for the Skidegate Haida dialect
2. Produced over twenty Skidegate Haida Language CD's for sale in the community
3. Audio recorded over 350 CD's of spoken Haida
4. Compiled a Glossary of over 8500 words
5. Have written and/or recorded over 10,000 idiomatic phrases
6. Recorded over 700 Haida Place names
7. Video recorded elders speaking over 500 words listing - animals, birds, invertebrates, fish and plants
8. Video documented many Haida Legends and myths

9. Currently working on a project where non-speakers will be able to learn Skidegate Haida on the internet
 10. Four of our elders have graduated from SHIP with the Adult Dogwoods
 11. We are a school that prides itself as a place of healing
- For more information on SHIP please contact Kevin Borserio or Diane Brown at ship@sd50.bc.ca or (250) 559-9073

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