



K.I.N.....*Human cultural diversity for bio-diversity*

“We live in a World that Speaks”

Public Talk: 7-9pm, Friday 4th February, Alterna Boardroom, Centre for Social Innovation, Suite 120, 215 Spadina Avenue, Toronto.

We humans are part of a deeper Life-World that is alive, participatory and profoundly relational. However many of us have forgotten how to belong and how to listen. In a world where materialism and Western Science have come to dominate, colonization is not only about people and lands but ultimately about human consciousness and perception. As a person whose psycho-spiritual history is both colonizer and colonized, Lewis will draw on her own experiences, and work with indigenous (Ngai Te Rangi, and Cree peoples) and immigrant communities in Aotearoa and Canada which relate to the recovery of this deeper Life World of interconnectedness – this is ultimately a story of hope. She will then apply this to the work of K.I.N.; a growing international movement whose aim is human cultural diversity for bio-diversity through the recovery of indigenous worldviews within all cultures.

Lewis Williams, PhD, is the Founder and Chair of K.I.N., an eco-activist, social innovator community developer and academic. Born in Aotearoa and of Ngai Te Rangi and Scottish descent her work is with people and organizations to deepen their life-world perspective and to apply this understanding to collective ecological action. She has researched, published and taught on a variety of issues relating to ecological well-being and has worked with a wide range of cultural groups. Formerly Director of the Prairie Region Health Promotion Research Center and Associate Professor with the Department of Native Studies, University of Saskatchewan, Lewis is the lead editor and a contributor of “Radical Human Ecology: Intercultural and Indigenous Approaches”, a soon to be published book on ecological praxis. This publication brings together a range of indigenous, intercultural and spiritual perspectives to the field.

We are honoured to have **Dr Eileen Antone** leading the opening Ceremony for the evening. Dr Antone is an Elder and member of the Oneida of the Thames First Nation; Associate Professor and Director, Centre for Aboriginal Initiatives, University of Toronto; and member of the KIN Elders Council.

\$20.00 entry, Spaces limited, book to avoid disappointment. To reserve a place, register, by mailing a Cheque (made to Lewis Williams), P.O Box 203, 119 Spadina Avenue, Toronto M5V 2L0. Enquiries can be directed to koru@korunetwork.com www.kinincommon.com

