



Mawopiyane Youth: Let Us Sit Together

Mawopiyane: a group coming together to struggle with a sensitive or divisive issue; the outcome is desirable, such as resolving conflict or bringing peace.

In 2022, Indigenous youth from New England and the Arctic gathered in Maine, Wabanaki territory, for a first-of-its-kind gathering. With support from the National Science Foundation, and with the leadership of the Wabanaki Youth in Science program and Ikaarvik, they built relationships and trust while connecting to the land and waterways. They shared the impacts of settler colonialism and their values and traditions, finding similarities and differences. The youth conducted a session for the Assembly of the University of the Arctic which challenged Western norms—changing the space’s structure and emphasizing the need for respectful and reciprocal listening, silence, and discussion of colonialism’s impacts. These youth are leading an initiative to bring together global Indigenous youth to discuss environmental, climate, and cultural challenges. ***Speakers will debut a documentary film and share their experiences.***

April 28, 2023

3:00 - 4:00 pm

UNE North (1075 Forest Ave, Portland)

Speakers:

Keyana Pardilla

Passamaquoddy & Penobscot, Maine

Wambli Martinez

Apache & Lakota, Maine

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