



# SHAY PAUL

## MULTI-DISCIPLINARY ARTIST

Shay Paul is a Secwepemc artist and also the director of the self-made Indigenous Resurgence Project, which exists to support and showcase indigenous artists and culture from holding free public exhibitions to helping mentor emerging artists. Shay is a multi-media artist, graphic designer, community organizer, public speaker, and has experience in various field backgrounds.

### GET IN CONTACT

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### PROJECT DIRECTOR

#### Indigenous Resurgence Project

Kamloops, BC 2019 – Present

Shay founded this project officially in 2019 and has been using the platform to host art exhibitions and activities. In 2021, the project expanded to also offer an online artisan directory, workshop facilitation, and art resources.

#### Skills

- Administrative work
- Event planning
- Event organizing
- Facilitation
- Financial organizing
- Book-keeping
- Graphic design
- Web design
- Social media campaigning
- Public speaking
- TV and radio interviews

### SELF EMPLOYED – FREELANCE SERVICE PROVIDER

#### Ambush Art

Kamloops, BC 2019 – Present

Shay has been a practicing freelance artist and designer since 2019 and has since expanded her services to reflect her work experience. She now actively offers small-business consultation for logo designs, brand designs, web designs, and event planning and management.

#### Skills

- Administrative work
- Event planning
- Event organization
- Facilitation
- Public speaking
- Graphic design
- Web design
- Brand design
- Social media management

### FOOD SOVEREIGNTY PROJECT COORDINATOR

#### Tk'emlups te Secwepemc

Kamloops, BC March 2022 – November 2022

Shay was hired to help foster and establish the food sovereignty pilot project at Tk'emlups te Secwepemc. This project required extensive hours and early project planning and development. Shay worked mostly unsupervised and was responsible for 2 student workers who participated in an 18-week experiential work program.

#### Skills

- Administrative work
- Event organizing
- Scheduling
- Student-worker supervision
- Material ordering and acquisition
- Public speaking
- TV and radio interviews

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE & INTEREST

### Food Security and Sovereignty in Indigenous Communities

Thompson Rivers University

Shay has worked with one of Canada's Research Chairs in three rural Indigenous communities in the background of food sovereignty and food security, also applying previous experience organizing and facilitating workshops to build on community engagement and interaction.

#### UNDERGRADUATE ASSISTANT

##### Wapekeka & Kasabonika Lake FN

Treaty 9 Territory, Ontario, May 2019

- Assistant to Dr. Michael Robidoux, Indigenous Health Research Group
- Designing large-scale garden plots
- Constructed raised garden beds
- Renovated pre-existing greenhouse structures
- Engage community in food-security responses
- Holding community-based educational workshops
- Distribute resources to interested community members

#### UNDERGRADUATE ASSISTANT

##### Deh Gáh Got'ıę FN

Treaty 11 Territory, Northwest Territories, May 2021

- Assistant to Masters Research Student, Emalee Vandermale
- Design and create information graphics
- Organize and facilitate workshops with children and youth
- Repair and improve greenhouse structures
- Hold community-based educational workshops
- Distribute resources to interested community members.

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## KNOWLEDGE MAKERS RESEARCH MENTORSHIP

### Thompson Rivers University

Kamloops, BC, February 2023 – May 2023 (Current)

- Work with university faculty to develop a research paper for publication
- Attend various educational and research training workshops
- Write and complete a finished research paper for submission
- Attend the travel component to the University of Waikato, New Zealand

**Analysing Food Sovereignty in Secwepemc'ulucw: Finding a Pathway to Indigenous Dietary Health Through Cultural Reconnection** - *Currently under review*

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## EDUCATION

#### Highschool Diploma

Kamloops School of the Arts  
Kamloops, BC 2018

#### Horticulture Certificate

Thompson Rivers University  
Kamloops, BC 2018 – 2019

#### Undergraduate Student

Thompson Rivers University  
Kamloops, BC 2019–Current

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## GRANTS

#### CRE-ation Art Stream Grant

Canadian Roots Exchange  
\$15,000  
2022

#### Artist Vitality Micro-grant

First Peoples Cultural Council  
\$3,000  
2022

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## PRESENTATIONS

### **Visualizing Decolonization in a Settler State**

Canadian Roots Exchange  
Kamloops, BC February 2019

### **Decolonizing the Diet: Regaining Control of the Food On Your Table**

Knowing Your Roots Program  
Skeetchestn, BC April 2022

### **Indigenous Resurgence Project with Shay Paul**

Arts BC Conference  
Richmond, BC October 2022

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## EVENT MANAGEMENT

### **Artists for Reconciliation Interactive Exhibition**

Curator, Event Manager  
Kamloops, BC May 2018

### **Indigenous Resurgence Exhibition**

Curator, Event Manager  
Kamloops, BC August 2019

### **Indigenous Resurgence Fashion Show**

Event Manager  
Kamloops, BC August 2019

### **illumiNATIVE: Indigenous Youth Exhibition**

Curator, Event Manager  
Kamloops, BC October 2020

### **Kweseltken Kristmas Market**

Main Event and Market Coordinator  
Kamloops, BC November 2021

### **Indigenous Voices in Fashion 2022**

Co-organizer, Market Coordinator  
Chase, BC June 2022

### **IRP: Re-Awakening**

Main Event and Market Coordinator  
Kamloops, BC June 2022

### **2 Rivers Remix "WE ARE STILL HERE" Music Festival**

Market Coordinator  
Lillooet, Kamloops, Cache Creek – July 2022

### **2022 Kweseltken Kristmas Market**

Main Event and Market Coordinator  
Kamloops, BC November 2022

### **Artist's Gathering: Navigating A Digital Age**

Event Coordinator  
Kamloops, BC February 2023

### **2 Rivers Remix: Tk'emlups Music Festival**

Event Coordinator, Market Coordinator  
Kamloops, BC July 2023

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### **Artists for Reconciliation Interactive Exhibition**

Kamloops, 2018

### **Indigenous Resurgence Exhibition**

Kamloops, 2019

### **illumiNATIVE: Indigenous Youth Exhibition**

Kamloops, 2020

### **Redefining the Perspective: the many forms of Indigenous art**

Kamloops, 2023

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## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

### **Arts BC Board of Directors**

Regional Director: Thompson Okanagan  
June 20223 –Present

### **City of Kamloops Arts and Culture Engagement Group**

Board Member  
April 2022 – Present

### **Indigenous Climate Adaptation Working Group (ICAWG)**

Youth Advocate  
July 2022 – March 2022

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## REFERENCES

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