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# POTLATCH FUND



- March 11, 2014 -

## Native Professionals & Friends Night Building Connections Across Sectors



Another Successful Native Professionals & Friends Night!

Potlatch Fund hosted its second edition of Native Professionals and Friends Night on Tuesday, February 25 at Impact HUB in Seattle. Modeled after similar events in Portland and Denver, this event seeks to bring together Native people from across different sectors of our community to gather after work in a professional setting, broaden their networks, and learn about Potlatch Fund's grant and training opportunities. We had a great turnout with approximately 40 Native professionals attending from the philanthropic, nonprofit, legal, business, education, and arts sectors.

**Save the Date:** Our next Native Professionals & Friends Night will be on Wednesday, May 28th. We have added a [link](#) to our website as well as a new tab called "[Events](#)" to help gather contact information and RSVPs through EventBrite for future events. Please [submit](#) your email address to be invited to our next one!

*Photo Credit: Dawn Morrison*

## OPEN NOW

### 2014 InterTribal Canoe Journey Grant Cycle



Are you a Native-led canoe family that is participating in Paddle to Bella Bella 2014? Potlatch Fund is excited to offer the 2014 InterTribal Canoe Journey Grant! This grant opportunity supports canoe families who will be participating in Paddle to Bella Bella. With thanks to our donors, this grant affirms our belief in Pacific Northwest people's tradition that nurtures gathering together. With emphasis on youth-led leadership opportunities and demonstrated environmental stewardship, applicants with a seaworthy canoe who are located in our service area may apply [here](#).



*Images Courtesy of the  
Duwamish Tribe - Raven*

[2013 Awardee Poster](#)

This grant closes on **Friday, April 24, 2014.**

Questions? Please click on either of these dates to RSVP for a phone information session.

Friday, [March 28](#) (10-12 noon)

Friday, [April 4](#) (10-12 noon)

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### **Join the Potlatch Fund Team** Program Coordinator - Spokane, WA



*2014 Cohort Participants at the  
Little Creek Casino & Resort in  
Kamilleche, Washington.*

Mark your calendars and spread the word, Potlatch Fund will be opening an office in Spokane, Washington! For 12 years Potlatch Fund has been based in Seattle and has had the philosophy of bringing training opportunities to Native communities throughout the four-state service area. Strategically in an effort to better serve Montana, Idaho and eastern Washington Native communities in developing and empowering Native leadership, this satellite office will be staffed by a soon-to-be-hired Program Coordinator. This individual will primarily coordinate the development, implementation and delivery of Potlatch Fund's Capacity Building Program. This includes providing administrative support and coordination to co-trainers, consultants and training participants. This person will be a key member of the Potlatch Fund leadership team responsible for working together to secure the long-term future for this Native-led foundation and community-based leadership development organization. The deadline for submission of an application is March 24, 2014. Applications and more information can be found on the Potlatch Fund [website](#).

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### **Advanced Native Organizers Training** Application Deadline is Wednesday, March 12

The Alliance for a Just Society's Native Organizing Alliance is pleased to announce our annual Native Organizers Training this spring! Sponsored by the Communities Creating Healthy Environments Initiative, this is a four day intensive workshop on community organizing that covers building and leveraging people-power, campaign planning, community led policy change; and how to use our stories to win battles.

Space is limited. The training is free for selected participants (travel, housing, and some meals are included)! [\[Learn More\]](#)

**When:** April 8-11, 2014

**Where:** Seattle, WA

**Who:** This workshop is for people involved in social justice efforts in Indian Country – a community volunteer, an Idle No More event coordinator, Policy Directors, Executive Directors, Community



**TAKING ACTION,  
MAKING CHANGE**

Engagement Coordinators, Community Organizers, folks who want to work to make change for and with their people!

## **Eight Years at Potlatch Fund**

### **Yes, the Time has Passed Quickly**



*Working with Bridget Ray to track down an elusive guest at the 2013 Fundraising Gala!*

If asked, Lawrence will tell you that his favorite part of working at Potlatch Fund is the annual fundraising gala. Preparing for the five hour event takes place over many months. During that time Lawrence works with Native artists to secure items for the evening's silent auction. In the process he is able to learn about their current projects, encourage them to apply to our Native Arts Grant Program, and work with them to highlight their donated items leading up to the evening.

Securing sponsorships for the gala is another favorite activity. Again the process allows Lawrence to reconnect with individuals invested in Indian Country as he explains Potlatch Fund's current program focus. Lawrence welcomes this opportunity to learn what is new with his contacts. "An updated signature file can provide talking points for follow-up phone calls", states Lawrence, who has learned of marriages, promotions, and more by those simple lines at the end of an eMail.

But the best part, of the fundraising gala, is the evening. "Working registration is never dull", according to Lawrence, who thrives on helping with last minute changes to guests lists. There is also the excitement of the silent auction, the energy of the networking reception, the traditional (and tasty) food, the coordination of the evening's program, and the real sense of community that make the event magical on so many levels.

### **Save The Date**

[2014 Fundraising Gala](#)

Saturday, November 1  
Tulalip Resort

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## **Strengthening Community Through Philanthropy**

### **Your Opportunity to Make a Difference**

You can help Potlatch Fund strengthen Tribal communities and Native organizations through contributions of your time, talent, and treasure. Learn more about our mission, and how to get involved, by visiting our [website](#) or calling 206.624.6076.

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