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NIC Presents *T'Lina: The Rendering of Wealth*

North Island College's Global Nursing project, in collaboration with the World Community Development Education Society, is pleased to present a screening of ***T'Lina: The Rendering of Wealth*** on Thursday March 11th at 7:00 pm at the Stan Hagen Theatre, located at NIC's Comox Valley Campus.

T'Lina: The Rendering of Wealth describes the annual journey of the Kwakwaka'wakw people to Knight Inlet on the BC Coast for the spring harvest of eulachon, a small fish. The oil from the T'Lina, valued both as a food staple and an important ceremonial substance of the Kwakwaka'wakw Nation, is extracted from the eulachon. Witness the celebratory gesture of thanksgiving as chiefs distribute the oil at festive potlatches and dancers carry giant carved ladles of the oil.

Industrial logging and overfishing have caused habitat destruction, depleting the eulachon's numbers in recent years. Filmmaker Barb Cranmer combines footage of a contemporary harvest with archival images to bring awareness to the uncertain future this vital cultural practice is facing. The film offers a vibrant history of an inspiring coastal First Nation.



NIC Nursing students and graduates travel to Kingcome Village to learn about health, wellness and nursing in First Nation communities.

North Island College Nursing students and graduates will also share their stories and pictures of travelling to Rivers Inlet and Kingcome Village to learn from and with the Wuikinuxv and D'zawada'enuxv people about health, wellness and nursing in First Nation communities. Their presentation entitled "Integrating Nursing Practice with Culture: Partnering with First Nations Peoples" will explore the transformational

experience of their week learning about spiritual and cultural connections to oneself and the environment.

The intent of the Global Nursing initiative is to facilitate a greater understanding of global health issues, by learning about social and health practices in foreign and local settings, and to provide Bachelor of Science Nursing students with opportunities to practice in distinct cultural environments. Global Nursing has partnered with local First Nations and organizations such as World Community and Africa Community Technical Service (ACTS) to realize these goals.

Doors open at 6:30 pm and admission is by donation to NIC Global Nursing. For further information, please contact Susan Auchterlonie at 250-334-5271 or visit www.nic.bc.ca.

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