To Change the World, Change Your Worldview.

Begin the journey.

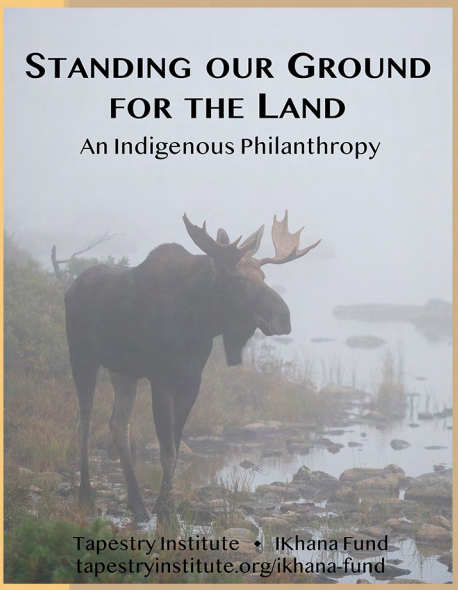
Walk the Circle.

Tapestry Institute

The Land is giving Indigenous people new Indigenous Knowledge.

East is the place of new beginnings -- of birth and rebirth, the spring of the year, the childhood of life. It is a direction fresh with potential, the place of a growing promise that remains fragile even as it grows with the vigor of youth.
(Tapestry 'Ways of Knowing' webpage)

New Indigenous knowledge is being given to us by the Land. This Knowledge will spearhead the healing change that can preserve and restore life on this planet. Indigenous people must lead at this time, because people in Western culture do not know how to properly receive, process, or implement Indigenous Knowledge. (from our Vision Statement)



"Real metaphor, nature's metaphor, is the vocabulary of the universe. Nature's metaphor transmits Indigenous Knowledge, often through Story. Life, whether moose or stars, buffalo or spruce trees, provides the syntax that makes it a language we can understand." (Tapestry IKhana fund report)

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Summer is the time of productivity, the mature years of men and women who express the fertile creative force of the living Land as part of a healthy community. (Tapestry 'Ways of Knowing' webpage)

Western people and organizations must respect the sovereignty of the Land and of Indigenous people working with it to advance Indigenous Knowledge. When Western groups provide material support for such work, the Indigenous partners must lead. (from our Vision Statement)

Western philanthropy's funding agendas and processes are determined by Western cultural perspective of the natural world. Indigenous people have a different perspective of the natural world, so the environmental projects we carry out do not fit Western philanthropy's agenda, qualification criteria, or application processes. (Tapestry IKhana fund report)

Indigenous worldview and leadership offer healing.

West, direction of awe and paradox, teaches us that our lives depend utterly on things immeasurably larger than ourselves and far beyond our control. For thunder-storms may damage and terrify, but they bring rains that fill the rivers and make life possible. (Tapestry 'Ways of Knowing' webpage)

As Western people learn how and why to support Indigenous efforts to help the world rebalance itself, Indigenous Knowledge begins to heal the great wound at the heart of their own culture: alienation from the natural world and one another. (from our Vision Statement)

Together, we can live into existence the Story of healing that people of Western culture have been waiting millennia for someone to tell them, that Indigenous people have been waiting centuries for them to hear. (Tapestry IKhana fund report)

This is the Story of Tapestry's Vision.

Winter is a time of deep quiet, of rest and renewal, of death in which new life stirs unseen. Stories grow like flames of a warming fire and are shared from person to person. Dreams and Visions fall like flakes of snow onto the shelter over human hearts. (Tapestry 'Ways of Knowing' page)

Tapestry envisions a world in which the Land is giving new Indigenous knowledge to Indigenous People to mitigate the impacts of environmental change on all living things. When Western groups provide material support for such work, Indigenous partners must lead because people in Western culture do not know how to properly receive, process, or implement Indigenous Knowledge. Western groups must therefore respect the sovereignty of the Land and of Indigenous people. As Western people start to understand Indigenous efforts to help the world rebalance itself, Indigenous Knowledge can finally heal the great wound at the heart of Western culture: alienation of its people from the natural world, one another, and their own bodies. As that alienation dissolves, Western culture will find the road home they have been seeking for millennia.

Each of the three pages before this one expresses one part of our Vision with passages from some of our public education materials. Tapestry's unique pan-Indigenous teams of multidisciplinary professionals weave People, Places, and emerging Indigenous Knowledge.

Join us in realizing the Land's Vision of healing.

The Land is alive and has agency.
The Land is at the center of everything because
if the Land dies then everything dies.
The time has come.
Indigenous people must stand our ground for the Land.

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25 years of Indigenous Knowledge research and education

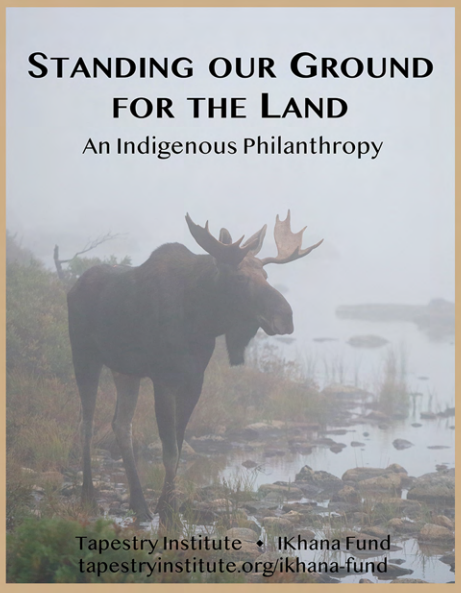
Tapestry Institute Website: Free, world-class information about Indigenous Knowledge, the Sacred Circle, Different Ways of Knowing and Learning, and more.

IKhana Fund: Providing financial support to Indigenous People, delivered within an Indigenous model of operation.

Horse Ibachakali: Members of the Horse Nation teaching people of Western culture about Indigenous Knowledge and Worldview.

Indigenizing Environmental Law: Exploring how Indigenous Knowledge, Indigenous Law, and Indigenous Rights can inform and empower Western environmental law.

Yakni I Chukash (Heart of the Earth) Center for Advancing Indigenous Knowledge: A new land partnership with the Place that powers our work, a place for research and Ceremony that advances Indigenous Knowledge.



Standing Our Ground for the Land: An Indigenous Philanthropy

The ground-breaking report from the IKhana Fund planning team members. Western funders have called the report life-changing. The report includes the First Principles so that Indigenous people can work with Western funders while Standing Their Ground for the Land.

Download and read it with the QR code

https://tapestryinstitute.org/standing-our-ground-for-the-land/

What's next for YOU?

Be Bold.

Tapestry Institute is looking for bold funders who want to support a new way to do philanthropy. We are looking for people who want to support Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous Peoples in healing the planet. If you are one of those people or if you work for an organization that wants to see these programs funded, please contact Tapestry Institute Co-President Jo Belasco, Esq. at jo@tapestryinstitute.org for more information.

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Learn.

Use our educational materials.

Spread the word.

Tell others about the critical value of Indigenous Knowledge, Peoples, and Lands. Indigenous sovereignty needs strong allies like YOU.

STAND OUR GROUND FOR THE LAND.

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