



An exhibition on the Anicinabe language presented at UNESCO

Rouyn-Noranda, Wednesday, April 6, 2022 - To mark International Mother Earth Day and the International Decade of the World's Indigenous Languages, the exhibition *Nin, Je suis, I am*, developed by Minwashin, will be presented at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris, from April 21 to 27.

Initially intended for the Anicinabek communities of Quebec and Ontario, this nomadic exhibition is a tribute to the Anicinabek language and a means of stimulating reflection on the issue of its revitalization. The exhibition was developed, first and foremost, for the schools of the Anicinabek communities with the objective of arousing the interest and pride of young people in their identity, their language and their ancestral heritage.

UNESCO was quick to recognize the strength of this exhibit in the way it presented the Anicinabek language and the worldview it encompasses. "We were offered the opportunity to present *Nin* to the international community at UNESCO, in a place that protects the cultures of the world. This is an important opportunity for us because it allows us to resonate our language and affirm our culture beyond our communities," said Richard Kistabish, President of Minwashin.

The official unveiling of the exhibition will be held directly at UNESCO headquarters in the heart of the French capital for an entire week. *Nin* will help spread the word about Anicinabe culture in Europe.

"Upon its return to Quebec, the exhibition will then begin a tour of the territory, moving from one community to another during the spring and fall of 2022. By travelling around the territory, *Nin* will be able to create momentum for the members of our communities. It will be an opportunity for us to talk about our language, to honor it and to discuss its revitalization. These discussions will feed into Minwashin's action plan for the Decade. I'm sure that wherever this exhibit goes, it will leave its mark," said M. Kistabish.

We want to thank our partners Canadian Commission for UNESCO and Tourisme Abitibi-Témiscamingue.

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