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# Recruiting Mitonenticikan Circle

**Duration:** 2 years

**Schedule:** 4–6 meetings of 6 hours per year

**Location:** Rouyn-Noranda or online

**Pay:** \$3,000 for 2 years, plus travel and meal expenses

## Minwashin

Minwashin bears the mission to gather, protect, and share archives related to the Anicinabe in order to restore the ancestors' memories and revitalize the culture. Hence the creation of the website [nipakanatik.org](http://nipakanatik.org).

*Nipakanatik* is the largest virtual archive collection tracing the history of the Anicinabek. It protects culture in a way that allows knowledge to be passed down between generations—wherever one may be—from a phone or computer.

## Mandate Description

Minwashin is looking for someone to complete the Mitonenticikan Circle. This circle, made up of knowledge keepers, ensures that the archives in Nipakanatik are used in a way that respects both the truth and anicinabe communities. The circle meets 4 to 6 times per year to:

- Decide whether new archive entries should be made public or restricted
- Negotiate agreements with our partners
- Set project priorities
- Connect with other organizations preserving Indigenous archives

*Mitonenticikan* refers to intelligence, but also to the mindset of those who continue to learn, share and reflect on the history and heritage of the ancestors. Extensive knowledge is not required to be involved in the Mitonenticikan Circle. Only an interest for the past and Anicinabe culture is needed.

The Mitonenticikan Circle's mission is above all to empower communities in taking back control of their archives and their history. For too long, research has been conducted on the Anicinabek: objects were stolen in the name of academic knowledge, traditional knowledge was exploited for profit, and stories were distorted to create stereotypes. From now on, research will be conducted by and with the Anicinabek.

If you are interested in this project, please send a short paragraph explaining why you would like to get involved to [info@minwashin.org](mailto:info@minwashin.org). The selected participant will be chosen by the Mitonenticikan Circle.