

Indigenous Connectivity Summit

Save the date: **November 8 to 9, 2017**

The Internet is a hallmark of human innovation, but many Indigenous communities lack basic connectivity. Internet access is increasingly a lifeline to health, education and economic development for rural and remote Indigenous communities across North America. No-one should be left behind.

You are needed at the Indigenous Connectivity Summit at Hotel Santa Fe on November 8 to 9, 2017 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Conference attendance is free. Stay tuned for pre- and post-conference announcements.

The Indigenous Connectivity Summit will showcase success stories of Indigenous community networks in Canada, the United States and around the globe to help find solutions to bridge the digital divide. We'll explore the issues and themes around community network development and sustainability in a two-day series of panels, presentations, discussions and storytelling.

Who should participate?

We need everyone on board. The Indigenous Connectivity Summit will gather community network managers/operators, Indigenous-owned Internet service providers, community members, youth, researchers, policy makers, and Indigenous leadership to join the conversation. We'll discuss ways to ensure Alaska Native, Native American, Inuit, First Nations, and Métis communities have affordable, high-quality and sustainable Internet access, and how it can support social, cultural, and economic vitality.

Stay tuned for more details about the event and how to participate online. Updates will be posted here: <https://www.internetsociety.org/events/indigenous-connectivity-summit>

For more information, please contact ics@isoc.org

Note there are sponsorship opportunities available. If you are interested in sponsoring the Indigenous Connectivity Summit, please contact me or visit <https://www.internetsociety.org/events/indigenous-connectivity-summit/sponsorship-brochure> .

The Indigenous Connectivity Summit is an initiative of the Internet Society, the Internet Society New Mexico Chapter, the 1st-Mile Institute, and the Community Learning Network.

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