



CSETS sponsors cultural awareness workshop

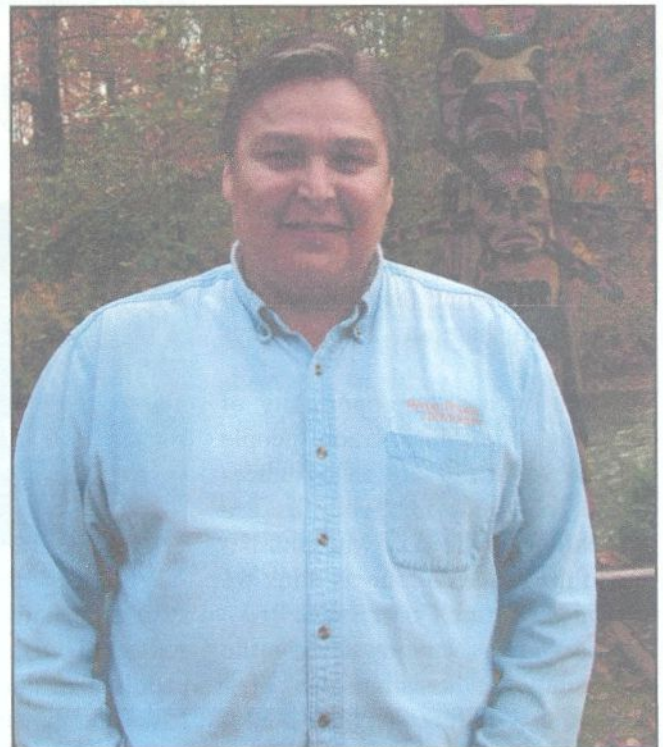
Working effectively with Aboriginal people was the subject of a one-day workshop held at Quw'utsun Cultural Center Oct. 18. Sponsored by CSETS, the event drew more than two dozen guests to hear featured speaker Bob Joseph, founder of Indigenous Corporate Training and a member of the Gwa-wa-aineuk Nation.

The workshop covered a variety of topics including a brief history of First Nations peoples, legislation, treaty negotiations and benchmark court decisions, as well as touching on stereotyping, perceptions and cultural activities and beliefs that might impact on employment.

Participants included representatives from the construction industry, resource development, community health, community policing, government and business.

"I was pleased with the turnout and the interest people had in learning about our history and culture," said Josie Louie, who organized the event for CSETS. "There was a lot of good information presented and everyone took home a better understanding of our issues and how to better communicate with each other."

Similar workshops may be scheduled in the future. Anyone interested in attending can contact the CSETS office.



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