



# Grand Council Treaty #3

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### **Grand Council Treaty #3 Climate Specialist to be featured in 2021 International Day of Women and Girls in Science day February 11<sup>th</sup> 2021**

For the third year in a row, in recognition of the United Nations' International Day of Women and Girls in Science, Laurentian University provides a series of presentations and science demonstrations highlighting amazing women in science and trades to hundreds of grade 5 and 6 girls and boys, from French, English, and Indigenous schools across Northern Ontario.

A significant gender gap persists in STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Medicine) disciplines globally. Despite progress, women are still underrepresented in these fields. In 2015, the United Nations' General Assembly adopted a resolution for an annual International Day to recognize the critical role women and girls play in science and technology communities. As such, a core goal of this day is to showcase women in STEMM to inspire young girls to consider science and trades as a profession and for young boys to see women as colleagues in their future professions.

This year the Territorial Planning Unit's Climate Specialist Geneva Kejick who is a First Nations woman from Asubpeeschoseewagong First Nation will be featured as part of Laurentian University's submission for the International Day of Women and Girls in Science. Geneva has worked with the Territorial Planning Unit since 2017 and has participated in and coordinated various climate change projects in the region.

"Geneva is an absolute standout. I first became aware of her and her work during the Climate Change Adaptation funding announcement. She gave an extraordinary presentation, and I was particularly struck by the way she described the work she is doing with youth and her community. Her passion and dedication are contributing not only to a stronger and more resilient nations in Treaty Three territory, but also supporting the next generation of scientists by being a role model." – Gisele Roberts, Laurentian University.

"Working in the Climate Change field has definitely been an exciting experience. All of the support from professionals in the field and researchers/scientists has been amazing not to mention the support from Grand Council Treaty #3 and our team in the TPU. Prior to working in this position, I was working in Education and I firmly believe in youth especially young women becoming all they can be." – Geneva Kejick.

Partners in the event include: Laurentian University, Cambrian College, Science North, SNOLAB, She&Her, The Foundry, the School of Indigenous Relations, the ECHO Research Centre, the Center for Rural and Northern Health Research, the Centre for Research in Occupational Safety and Health, and Laurentian University's: Office of the VP Research, Faculty of Health, Faculty of Science, Engineering and Architecture, Office of Francophone Affairs.

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