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OBJIBWAY STORYTELLER

I have had the absolute pleasure of working with the Ojibway Storyteller and the White Pine Dancers on numerous occasions. Simply stated, Aaron never ceases to impress me with his ability to engage the attention of our groups of young adults. It is too much of a challenge to compose a fitting testimonial to his storytelling, discussion and craft sessions in one page.

ICDI provides short-term work experience, training, and personal development opportunities in Canada for young people from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, with the primary objective of facilitating reconciliation between the Irish & British cultures.

Critically, Aaron is able to adapt his storytelling to assist your event objective. One example, for our groups, is that his story telling and discussions promote awareness that the planet today is, and always has been, a multitude of nations - a 'Global Village' - all with different beliefs. He poses, without judgment, who is to say which belief is right or wrong? He empathises with the British & Irish students having experienced conflict, as is the case with many cultures in the world, and relates this to the history of The First Nations people (among themselves and also with the Europeans). He ably addresses questions as to how the First Nations people practice conflict resolution and tolerance among those that have different beliefs.

Also, considering the "Save The Environment" generation we now live in, his teachings can also educate, through a version of a "Creation Story", how the First Nations people have a respect for Mother Nature that is often lacking in many of today's society.

Not only is Aaron an expert and enthusiastic storyteller, he is able to infuse his sessions with humour - which is a challenge given the different comedy 'taste' of our visiting students compared to Canada.

In closing, I invite anyone who is considering an event with The Ojibway Storyteller to feel welcome to contact me at rcreighton@irishcanadian.org

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