The Social Life of Water

Weaving together Multiple Voices in a Public Museum Exhibition

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Human – Water Relationships

In the Okanagan Valley
Extreme water events
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• Communicate our responsibility by bringing forward local challenges and solutions as well as inspiring reflection of possible futures
Gathering Materials

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Exhibition Design
Multiple Voices

• Bringing together indigenous and non-indigenous voices

• Hearing directly from people

• Weaving connections across diverse ways of knowing
Streams
Syilx Water Declaration
Cultural Practices
Ecological Connectivity
Community Chalkboard
Programming
Evaluation - Visual Matrix
Results

• Sense of care for the place
• Presence of Syilx voices
• Reinforced sense of belonging
• Renewed responsibility
Funding

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