



NILLA:

NETOLNEW Indigenous Language Learning Atlas

Knowledge Sharing Policy

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1 About NILLA

The NETOLNEW Indigenous Language Learning Atlas (NILLA) (<https://www.nilla.ca>) is an online sharing portal built with community input. It is an interactive online space for Indigenous communities, advocates, researchers, and allies to engage and exchange knowledge, to share their own and learn about others' successful language learning strategies within and across Canada. The NILLA portal transfers the ILR spirit of connecting, exchanging, and engaging to the virtual realm—rather than relying solely on conference and language gathering opportunities—for communities to connect without the time cost or expense of travel. NILLA provides a space for Indigenous communities, advocates, researchers, and allies to engage and exchange knowledge about ILR in Canada through a virtual, interactive interface. Through NILLA, Indigenous communities can share and find information, supporting each other to reach their ILR goals. The NILLA project tackles two practical circumstances of Indigenous languages in Canada: an exceptionally rich linguistic diversity and the vast geographic span of these languages. This virtual space aims to close these gaps and foster connection across distant communities.

2 Purpose

This document details the values and priorities foundational for the work we do as a Partnership and therefore within NILLA (<https://netolnew.ca/partners/>). Here we describe how these values and priorities are put into action. This document outlines the way community language information is included in the portal. The community information which populates the map is provided via a survey tool housed in a secure database.ⁱ

3 NILLA Guiding Principles

NILLA is guided by the following principles developed by the NILLA Advisory Committee, which includes community partners, research leads, and research staff:

1. Indigenous leadership of Indigenous research
2. Indigenous control of data and results
3. Creating opportunities for knowledge-sharing within and between communities
4. Developing innovative solutions to meet current community needs

4 The NILLA knowledge-sharing process

A central feature of NILLA is an online map, found on the portal's home page. The information shown on the map is linked directly to a secure database developed and hosted by the University of Victoria Library. *The map is populated by voluntary submissions only.* The following steps are required to populate the map:

1. Completion of a SurveyMonkey questionnaire by a user representing themselves or a language program, available on the Join NILLA page of the portal.
2. A verification message is automatically generated and sent to NILLA site moderator.
3. The moderator reviews the application for completeness and duplication or contradictions.
4. The administrator adds the appropriate geographic coordinates (based on response to Q2) to complete the entry. This publishes the entry and generates an auto-email informing the user that their entry is now live (see Step 1).

5 Notes on the vetting and knowledge sharing processes

The vetting process is performed by a NILLA moderator. Should an issue with the contributed information arise, the Project Director and/or Advisory Council will provide direction to the moderator. NILLA reserves the right to refrain from including a submission without prejudice. An explanation will be provided to site user.

Communities have the right to request edit or withdraw their information at any time. Upon receipt of such requests, NILLA reserves the right to respond within 30 days.

The individual or community contributor retains all Intellectual and cultural knowledge rights to the information shared.

¹ The database is defined as *secure* in that it is managed and protected by the University of Victoria Library, which adheres to explicitly defined UVic Information Security Standards (<https://www.uvic.ca/systems/support/informationsecurity/security-standards/index.php>).