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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **October 23, 2024**

#### **Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition Hosts 2024 Career Fair – October 28, 2024**

On October 28, 2024, the Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition (OAC) will host the 2024 Career Fair, a dynamic in-person event that brings together 10 Indigenous service organizations alongside 60 additional employers from a wide range of industries. These industries include Indigenous businesses, nonprofits, construction, education, government, healthcare, hospitality, tourism, real estate, and more. Open to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous job seekers, the fair provides a welcoming space to explore new career paths, connect with industry professionals, and discover exciting job opportunities.

In addition to job opportunities, the Career Fair will feature:

- An Indigenous Marketplace, showcasing the creativity and entrepreneurship of Indigenous artisans and vendors.
- Eight free workshops designed to enhance job search and career development skills including *Your Future in the Skilled Trades* by the Unionized Building and Construction Trades Council; *Financial Literacy* by the Canada Revenue Agency, *Career opportunities with SMART Local 47*; Explore the link between *Employment and Indigenous Health* with WCG Services; *Ottawa Police Services Recruitment Information Session*; the *Job Search Journey Workshop*, led by Kagita Mikam and the City of Ottawa; the *OAC Well-Being Workshop* and a special workshop designed by Inuuqatigiit Centre for *Inuit Students Navigating Post-Secondary Applications*.
- A Meet-and-Greet with OAC Elders and Knowledge Keepers Circle.

The Career Fair will also feature special displays on key OAC initiatives that will bring new jobs into Ottawa:

- The Minwaashin Lodge Family Healing Lodge,
- A new Inuit VAW Shelter, and
- Building an Urban Indigenous Housing Village.

The event will begin and conclude with ceremonies led by OAC Indigenous Ambassadors: First Nations Grandmother Irene Compton, Métis Knowledge Seeker, Patricia Griffin, and Inuit Elder Zippie Nochasak.

For more information or media inquiries regarding the OAC Career Fair, please reach out to Whitney Knott at: [specialprojectscoordinator@ottawaaboriginalcoalition.ca](mailto:specialprojectscoordinator@ottawaaboriginalcoalition.ca)

**OAC Career Fair**  
**October 28, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM**  
**Ottawa Conference and Event Centre**  
**200 Coventry Road**

**OAC Social Media:**

<https://www.ottawaaboriginalcoalition.ca>  
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**About the Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition**

The OAC consists of a Coalition of 10 First Nation, Inuit, and Métis organizations that support 20,000 urban Indigenous community members. OAC advocates at the community, municipal, provincial, and federal levels on Indigenous issues and the unique circumstances of Indigenous people and their interests in Ottawa. Ultimately, OAC seeks to increase the positive and healthy choices available to Indigenous community members and their families across a wide and diverse range of considerations, whether it is health or housing or education to employment and training or access to cultural activities.

