

Annie Smith St. Georges

Algonquin, Kitigan-Zibi First Nation



Annie (Kishkwanakwad) Smith St-Georges is a well-recognized Algonquin Elder, born and raised on the Kitigan-Zibi reserve near Maniwaki, Quebec. She was the founder of Kumik, the Elders Lodge (Indian and Northern

Affairs Canada) established in the early 1990s following the Oka crisis. Elders came from across Canada to share their teachings and knowledge and to help Annie who, at the time, was recovering from the loss of her son.

Subsequently, she founded WAGE, a health center for the integration of Aboriginal knowledge with medical science. Annie was a member of the planning committee for the 5th National Conference on Diabetes and Aboriginal Peoples: Restoring Balance was held in Ottawa, Ontario from March 16-18, 2009. Annie has participated in national and international conferences such as the National Forestry Association, Stephen Lewis Foundation and The Canadian Centre for International Justice. Annie and her husband, André-Robert St-Georges, have been featured in the National film Board (NFB) film Kwekanamad/The Winds are Changing/Les Vents Tournent.