



Eltuek Arts Centre

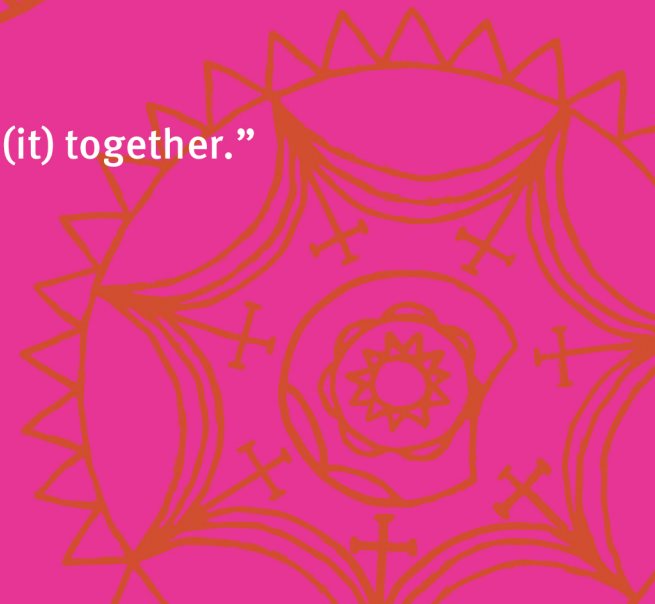
At the change in season, with the light lasting less each day,
we're taking a moment to mark another beginning. To give space for the
spirit of creativity, gratitude, friendship, and reconciliation as a community.

After a Naming Ceremony by Mi'kmaw Elders on October 29, 2021, at sunrise,
The Convent | Ta'n etl-mawita'mk will be known as Eltuek Arts Centre.

Eltuek (el-do-ehg) is a Mi'kmaw word that notes a process of creation
that is continuous, inclusive, and accessible. It means "We are making (it) together."

The it refers to whatever it is that we decide to make –
Art, food, music, social change, a brighter future.

Eltuek is a bundle that we now carry and care for
with passion and purpose for the next seven generations.



The name **Eltuek** has come from a series of critical and transformative conversations held over four seasons and guided by the Elders Advisory Group brought together by Robert Bernard and a team from what is presently known as The Convent | Ta'n etl-mawita'mk.

The Elder Advisors represent the Island's five Mi'kmaw communities and our team works under their guidance and governance to ensure that Eltuek Arts Centre is welcoming to Mi'kmaw artists and communities.

With the history and lasting impacts of the Canadian Indian Residential Schools system, the abuse and trauma faced by Indigenous people, and the direct involvement of religious organizations, it was decided that a renaming process was "Reconciliation in Action."

Throughout these conversations, the team tried to find a name that would reflect the mission and vision of The Convent | Ta'n etl-mawita'mk and its community, but also the limitless and hopeful possibilities for the years to come. Our shared work centres on community development and fostering love and support for the arts and artists, but also includes cultural awareness, recognition, and ensuring a diverse and equitable future.

We want to honour the traditional territory in which we work, Mi'kma'ki, and show our respect for the First People of this land, the Mi'kmaq, through the support and recognition of the First Language in the new name. In our conversations with the Elders, Eltuek was chosen as a new way forward, where all can "work to create something together."

We share our deep gratitude to Pauline, Dolena, Anita, Lawrence, and Ernest for their gifts of friendship and for their tremendous care and consideration in all our gatherings. To Robert - the spark for our team - we are grateful for his guidance as this process unfolded. Wela'lin.

Elders Advisory Group

Anita Basque | Pauline Isadore | Dolena Poulette | Ernest Johnson | Lawrence Wells
Robert Bernard | Erika Shea | Melissa Kearney | Christie MacNeil

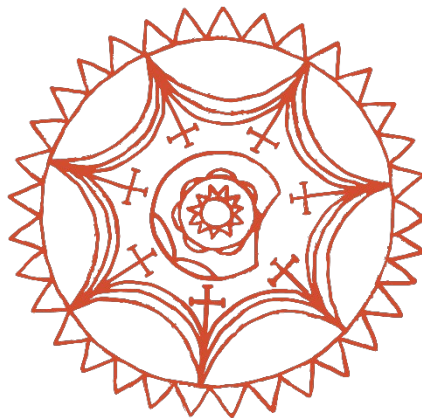
Honouring Unceded Land

Eymu'ti'k Unama'ki, newte'jk l'uiknek te'sikl Mi'kmawe'l maqamikal mna'q iknmuetumitl. Ula maqamikew wiaqwikasik Wantaqo'tie'l aqq l'amatultimkewe'l Ankukamkewe'l Mi'kmaq aqq Eleke'wuti kisa'matultisnik 1726ek.

Eltuek Arts Centre is in Unama'ki, one of the seven traditional and unceded ancestral districts of the people of Mi'kma'ki. This territory is covered by the Treaties of Peace and Friendship which the Mi'kmaq first signed with the British Crown in 1726.

Ketu'-keknuite'tmek aqq kepmite'tmek ula tela'maiultimkip wjit maqamikew ta'n etekl mtmo'taqney. Ula tett, ula maqamikek, etl-lukutiek l'tunen aqq apoqntmnen apoqnmaksim aqq weliknamk Unama'ki.

We wish to recognize and honour this understanding of the lands on which we reside. It is from here, on these lands, that we work to create and support a culture of self-reliance and vibrancy on Unama'ki, Cape Breton Island.



Eltuek Arts Centre is a creative cultural hub in the North End of Sydney, Unama'ki, Cape Breton Island. Eltuek features artist studios, an Open Studio for shared artist workspaces, gallery and exhibition spaces, the Better Bite Café and Community Kitchen, Meals on Wheels, Nova Scotia Community College Music Arts Program, Celtic Colours International Festival, The Coast 89.7 FM Radio Station, and Nova Stream.

Eltuek Arts Centre supports artists by offering affordable working studios and accessible exhibition space. We work to create an environment for artists and the community that is engaged with contemporary art, and nurtures creation in a vibrant, supportive, and relevant way. We are artist-led and artist-focused.

We strongly believe in all the benefits of the arts to communities — their ability to transform places, give people hope, give people a new way to see themselves and the world, start conversations, connect, challenge, confront, bring joy, inspire with awe. To this end, we want to make the arts more visible — to give people a place to work, gather, and share through art and culture that is accessible and beautiful and inclusive.

Eltuek Arts Centre offers beautiful, bright, and affordable gathering and event spaces for rent to the community. We offer Indigenous, non-profit, and tenant rates in addition to our regular commercial rates. Our building is a fully accessible site — with barrier-free interior spaces and grounds, an elevator, universal washrooms, and signage in Mi'kmaq, English, and Braille. Revenues from these rentals help to subsidize spaces for artists and community members that are safe, affordable, and modern to explore, take risks, and advance their work. By joining us in our work, you are supporting the growth of the creative community in Unama'ki, Cape Breton Island.

