

Language Revitalization Planning

What is a language revitalization plan and why develop one?

A language revitalization plan guides the work of language revitalization in a community over several years. It provides a strategic road map for how a community will achieve a united vision for its language.

There are many benefits to developing a language revitalization plan, such as:

- Identifying what's already happening to support language revitalization in the community and what still needs to be done.
- Ensuring language projects build on each other to achieve language revitalization.
- Validating the importance of the community's language and revitalization.
- Bringing community members together to identify a shared vision and goals.
- Generating support from leadership.
- Demonstrating capacity and attracting resources and funding.
- Monitoring progress towards language revitalization goals

How is a language revitalization plan different from a language project?

A **language project** is a single activity, such as forming a language nest or developing a curriculum. Activities have a start date, an end date and a near-term goal.

A **language plan** includes a broad range of projects that are needed to revitalize a language and maps out multiple years of language work. It is designed to achieve a long-term vision.

Where can I learn more?

FPCC's Revitalization Planning Coaches are available to offer support for First Nation communities and organizations in B.C. The Coaches specialize in strategic and project planning for language, arts and heritage revitalization. You can contact the Coaches for any questions related to the revitalization of these areas, for mentorship support, or to act as a liaison.

Below are some examples of frequently asked questions:

- How do I start a language, arts or heritage revitalization initiative?
- What is a Language Status Assessment and why do I need to do one?
- What are the most effective strategies for language, arts or heritage revitalization?
- How can I get my community interested and mobilized for language, arts or revitalization?
- How do I create a long-term vision for our community's cultural revitalization?
- What are the roles and responsibilities of a language planner, or other roles within revitalization?

More information can be found here:

FPCC Planning Toolkit: <https://language-toolkit.fpcc.ca>
Coaches Overview: fpcc.ca/programs/community-outreach/
Contact an FPCC Coach: coaches@fpcc.ca