



## DIALOGUE WITH MENTORS

The morning of the event created space for intergenerational knowledge sharing, and consisted of short presentations by mentors followed by circle dialogues between the youth and mentors. Our panel of mentors included: Siila Watt-Cloutier, Ginger Gosnell-Myers, and Kris Archie, who each brought their wisdom and perspectives in this work as Indigenous women. They each spoke to different themes, including effective organizing, finding our personal power, and maintaining our resilience while doing climate justice work. After their presentations, the youth participants had an opportunity to go into a deeper conversation with the mentors in small circle dialogues.

## YOUTH-LED DIALOGUE

Over lunch, the youth participants were asked to share on sticky notes the questions and topics they wished to



Decolonizing environmentalism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Reflect on how to be an effective ally</li><li>- Uphold Indigeneity and traditional ecological knowledge</li><li>- Actively acknowledge work to decolonize perspectives</li></ul>
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### CLOSING REFLECTIONS

To close the event, Siila offered her reflections about the day. She reminded us that this work can be complex and isolating, and in these moments, it's important to know yourself and stand strong in who you are. Siila provided a grounding affirmation to all the youth in the room that she feels that they are ready for the change they want to create, and assured everyone to trust their inner voice in their own changemaking journey.

All the youth participants also engaged in a closing exercise called "Head, Heart, Hands" - a reflection tool to encourage participants to share a thought, a feeling, and a call-to-action they had at the end of the event. Youth shared that they were reflecting on creating space for others in the climate movement, better understanding their intersecting identities within climate justice, and respecting systems of the past, present, and future. A majority of youth shared feelings of empowerment, gratitude, connectedness, and inspiration from the event. Finally, key call-to-actions that emerged included expanding one's own knowledge about climate justice, recognizing one's own positionality in changemaking work, and prioritizing self-care in the climate justice movement to maintain personal resilience.