



QUESTIONNAIRE - ABENAKI CULTURAL POLICY

1. CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

In recent years, have you or a member of your family (living under the same roof) already participated in any of the proposed cultural activities in Odanak or elsewhere? If yes, which ones?

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B. What would you suggest to improve the cultural content of these events or activities?

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2. CULTURE

A. Do you or a member of your family know or practice any of the following traditional Abenaki activities?

B. How did you learn these activities? (Family, friends, books, museums, health centre, etc...)

| Activity | How I learned | I'd like to learn |
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| Tales, legends | | |
| Songs | | |
| Dances | | |
| Traditional music | | |
| Basketry | | |
| Traditional crafts (specify) | | |
| Genealogy | | |
| History of the nation | | |
| Medicinal plants | | |
| Traditional horticulture | | |
| Hunting | | |
| Fishing | | |
| Gathering | | |
| Trapping | | |
| Other | | |

B. Regarding the transmission of knowledge, what actions can be taken in order to improve and facilitate these practices?

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3. HERITAGE

A. Do you own Abenaki items (collector's items or other) inherited from your family or acquired otherwise? (specify)

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B. In Odanak, do you believe that heritage buildings such as churches, the presbytery and centenary houses are sufficiently promoted?

YES NO DON'T KNOW

C. What actions could be considered to do this?

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D. In Odanak, do you see the importance of having measures to protect and promote natural heritage? Such as the common, woodlots, islands, landscapes (ex.: the presbytery hill)

YES NO DON'T KNOW

E. What actions could be considered to do this?

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F. In your opinion, what are the most appropriate **PLACES** for the transmission of Abenaki culture and heritage to the members of our nation?

(1 = least appropriate, 2 = more or less appropriate, 3 = most appropriate)

| PLACES | Circle | | |
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| Abenaki Museum | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Community Centre | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Odanak elementary school | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Health Centre | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Centre Alnôbaiwi | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Other suggestions | | | |

G. In your opinion, what are the most appropriate **MEANS** for the transmission of Abenaki culture and heritage to the members of our nation?

- Culture classes for adults Youth camps
 Yearly cultural week Seasonal activities
 Learning workshops (crafts, hunting, fishing, plants)
 Signage, posters, billboards
 Other suggestions _____

4. ARTS

A. Do you or a member of your family know or practice any of the following arts as paid work or otherwise?

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| Music <input type="checkbox"/> | Theatre <input type="checkbox"/> | Media arts <input type="checkbox"/> | Other |
| Dance <input type="checkbox"/> | Crafts <input type="checkbox"/> | Multidisciplinary arts <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Singing <input type="checkbox"/> | Visual arts <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/> | |

B. What actions could be taken in order to improve the support and services offered to Abenaki artists and artisans?

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5. LANGUAGE

A. Do you or a member of your family know or practice, in whole or in part, the Abenaki language, either through dialogue, songs, prayers or other activities? If yes, specify...

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B. Do you find it important to establish ways to bring back the Abenaki language? If yes, which ones?

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6. SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES

A. Do you or a member of your family practice spiritual practices linked to Abenaki culture? If yes, specify...

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B. What actions could be taken in order to promote and increase access to the practice of these spiritual activities?

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7. TRADITIONAL COSTUMES

A. Do you have a traditional costume at home? YES NO

B. How many times a year do you wear this costume?

Never 1 to 5 times More than 5 times

8. PRIORITIES

Name in order of importance your priorities regarding Abenaki culture.

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| 1 | 3 | 5 | 7 |
| 2 | 4 | 6 | |

Your age group: 16-24 25-35 36-54 55-70 70 and+

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| Optional : |
| Name: |
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The members of the Abenaki cultural policy committee thank you for your collaboration. Your opinions are important to us. Wlioni