Sustainable Nations' Tucson Indigenous Adobe Initiative Culturally Directed Design



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Indigenous Communities

- Tied to Land, Each Other, Value Systems, and often spiritual practice and cosmology
- Cultures of Responsibility
- Endemic poverty, with much being done to address it
- Profound resilience

"Land-based knowledge, inextricable from community relationship building, creates Indigenous resilience"

-Dr. Patricia McGuire



Culturally determined future-making

People know what they need

Tucson Indigenous Adobe Initiative:

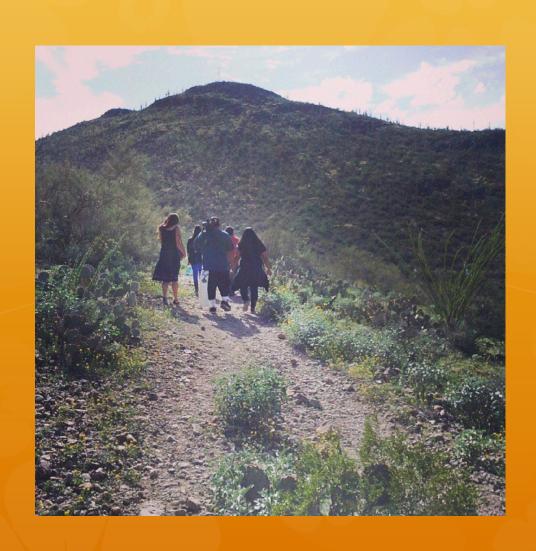
Well-built relationships/
Context of trust

Asking Questions/Offering Examples from Experience, with Humility



CONNECTING

with peoples' land, interests, experiences



Intergenerational Outreach

TIAI Indigenous Knowledge Exchange and Community Feast

Small roundtables

Dialogue



Feast and Party! And filmmaking



Hands-on and In-class Training and support for community leaders





Doing something Real!





Follow up and Development

- Business/project development with localized, diverse, enriched economy in mind.
- Large scale tribal interest engaged
- Continued relationships and organizing on grassroots scale.
- Engage with external partners (Universities, private funders, local SBDC, etc..).
- Always circling back to the center.





