



RICHARD ARMSTRONG

Richard Armstrong, from the Penticton Indian Band and member of the Syilx Nation of the Okanagan Valley within B.C.'s Southern Interior is one of the nation's fluent speakers and Traditional Ecological Knowledge keepers.

Immersed in the Syilx Language and Culture as a child, he aims to assist those who need his help as his teachers and teachings have helped him, therefore he shares who he is and what he has learned with Okanagan Nation, its community and welcomed guests. He is a teacher of the Nsyilxcen Language and Culture at both the En'owkin Centre and University of British Columbia – Okanagan.

Through the use of Captikwl (Okanagan Legends) he shares lessons learned through individual interpretation. This allows all ages to gain insight to self-awareness like "I get it", connecting to one's own experience. Through this form of learning fundamental lessons, is how we are all connected. Richard is the primary TEK specialist who works very closely with partner organizations in the restoration and monitoring activities at ECommunity Place and in the Syilx Territory.

He is a leader in the language and cultural revitalization for the Nsyilxcen speaking people and understand the importance of collaborating with like-minded individuals on all levels.