

Diane Longboat

Kahontakwas (Diane) Longboat, Turtle Clan, Mohawk Nation from the Six Nations Grand River Territory, is a ceremonial leader, healer, and traditional teacher of Indigenous spiritual ways who also holds professional degrees in education. She has spoken at universities in Canada and at many national and international conferences and gatherings on the topic of spiritual renewal as a determinant for nation building. From 1976 to 1994, Diane was director of research programs and educational offices both provincially and nationally with First Nations organizations. She consults with First Nations organizations on the issue of sovereignty in First Nations jurisdiction over education and the role of spirituality in leading the transformative process. Diane's current work as Elder involves traditional healing and teaching at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto, where she also occupies the position of Senior Project Manager for implementing the CAMH Indigenous strategy called Guiding Directions.

Diane is the founder of Soul of the Mother, a place of peace and healing on the shores of the Grand River, Six Nations Territory.