Indigenous Cyberactivism:
The case of KO-Knet and MyKnet.org in Canada

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objective

- not case against ...
  social media or specific services

- but case for ...
  media / technology diversity that is **cultural diversity**

- through activist projects & practices

- UNESCO Interactive
  Atlas of the World's
  Languages in Danger
  http://www.unesco.org/culture/languages-atlas/en/atlasmap.html

cyber / digital / online activism

- no single definition / no clear boundaries

- different activist practices, strategies, forms of, ...

- **social / political change** central

- a possible typology for cyberactivist practices (Vegh 2003):
  (1) awareness / advocacy -> organizing & carrying out actions
  (2) organization / mobilization -> call for actions
  (3) action / reaction -> "hacktivism"

- need for **more research** -> historically informed, contextualized, ethnographic

- Vegh, Sandor (2003): Classifying forms of online activism: the case of cyberprotests against the World Bank. In: McCaughey, M., Ayers, M. D. (eds.) Cyberactivism: Online activism in theory and practice. New York & London: Routledge.

indigenous cyberactivism

- indigenous people / movements / groups early ICT adopters -> **improve political / sociocultural / economic situation**

- outreach / inreach initiatives (Landzelius 2006)

- outreach:
  Zapatistas / EZLN in Mexico (1994) -> transnational networks of support & solidarisation use ICT -> eletronic solidarity scapes -> counter publics -> political negotiations

- inreach:
  KO-Knet in Canada (1994) -> ICT infrastructure -> ICT services -> community owned & controlled

- Landzelius, Kyra (2006): Introduction: Native on the net. In: Landzelius, K. (ed.) Native on the net: Indigenous and diasporic peoples in the virtual age. New York & London: Routledge.

Keewaytinook Okimakanak's Kuhkenah Network (KO-Knet – www.knet.ca)

- **connecting** First Nation people & communities in northwestern Ontario -> remote region / isolated communities

- from bulletin board to broadband / satellite internet infrastructure & services

- telemedicine, internet high school, video conferencing, IP cell phone network, IT training, personal e-mail & web presence, ...

- The Journal of Community Informatics Special Issue (2009): CI & Indigenous Communities in Canada – The K-Net (Keewaytinook Okimakanak's Kuhkenah) Experience, http://ci-journal.net/index.php/ciej/issue/view/27

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Kuhkenah Network in Ontario

IP Video Conference Locations on Kuhkenah Network

Demeber, 2006

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MyKnet.org – "the native facebook"?

- (ad)free webspace -> personal homepages

- about 30.000 active accounts (total pop. 50.000)

- set-up for the youth (~50% < 24)

- users are also active producers
  -> creating **representations** of local daily life,
  -> learning to write, code, design, discuss

- MyKnet.org & Facebook (2011):
  communicating / connecting via FB vs
  designing / creating & gathering local info via MyKnet.org

- Budka, P., Bell, B., & Fiser, A. (2009): MyKnet.org: How Northern Ontario's First Nation communities made themselves at home on the World Wide Web. The Journal of Community Informatics, 5(2), http://ci-journal.net/index.php/ciej/article/view/568/450
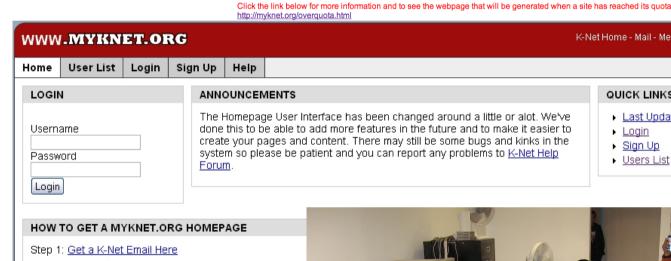
"safe and healthy on-line space for young people"

MYKNET.ORG

HOME | LOGIN | SIGN UP | USER'S LIST | HELP

NOTICE!:
K-Net was originally set up to provide a safe and healthy on-line space for young people. This same basis principle and requirement still exists today for everyone using the on-line services available on K-Net. Anyone creating a myKNet.org homepage is also required to follow this simple guideline. Therefore if any homepage contains material that another K-Net user finds offensive or inappropriate, the page will be suspended until this material is removed.

We do require everyone viewing these pages to write to homepages@knet.ca if they find any inappropriate material providing us with the name of the page and a description of the offensive material. Thank you for your support in helping make this on-line resource a safe and healthy environment for everyone.

If you are having problems or have a complaint against a site you can reach us and get help at K-Net HELP Forums.

Attention Homepage users!: Due to increased demand for bandwidth from each of the communities, MyKnet.org homepages are now going to be subject to a DAILY QUOTA that can be downloaded from any one individual homepage.

Click the link below for more information and to see the webpage that will be generated when a site has reached its quota.

http://myknet.org/overquota.html

MYKNET.ORG

Top 100 Homepages Ranked by Hits

This list is based on the myknet.org counter statistics that are on these persons homepage. You need to have the hit counter enabled in order to get liste those counters that were broken in the past.

http://clintmeekis.myknet.org Hits: 3480674
http://oliverdixon.myknet.org Hits: 3294869
http://lukewaboose.myknet.org Hits: 2909110
http://ralphstrang.myknet.org Hits: 2601354
http://richardogima.myknet.org Hits: 2039514
http://kassierae.myknet.org Hits: 2033455
http://tylernanokeesic.myknet.org Hits: 1878231
http://warrencmeekis.myknet.org Hits: 1734127
http://aliciasayers.myknet.org Hits: 1521231
http://codydharper.myknet.org Hits: 1378470
http://leroyfiddler.myknet.org Hits: 1166189
http://sylviaharper.myknet.org Hits: 1030885
http://robertsemple.myknet.org Hits: 946340
http://claytonawalker.myknet.org Hits: 868181
http://barryroundhead.myknet.org Hits: 832272
http://leotait.myknet.org Hits: 831920
http://rayannjrae.myknet.org Hits: 823179
http://fjacob.myknet.org Hits: 724687
http://emilykeewaykapow.myknet.org Hits: 703975
http://codymekanak.myknet.org Hits: 564778
http://tarabrown.myknet.org Hits: 522491
http://ashleighmeekis.myknet.org Hits: 522193
http://annrkakegamic.myknet.org Hits: 520874
http://elainemamakwa.myknet.org Hits: 499899
http://samanthawanakamik.myknet.org Hits: 445347
http://katiesofea.myknet.org Hits: 441662
http://peterbrown.myknet.org Hits: 409731
http://bigtroutlake.myknet.org Hits: 391469
http://mariahrwabasse.myknet.org Hits: 391463
http://vickiaflett.myknet.org Hits: 377348

WWW.MYKNET.ORG

K-Net Home - Mail - Media - MyKnet - Meeting

Home | User List | Login | Sign Up | Help

LOGIN

Username

Password

Login

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Homepage User Interface has been changed around a little or alot. We've done this to be able to add more features in the future and to make it easier to create your pages and content. There may still be some bugs and kinks in the system so please be patient and you can report any problems to K-Net Help Forum.

QUICK LINKS

▸ Last Updated Homepages
▸ Login
▸ Sign Up
▸ Users List

HOW TO GET A MYKNET.ORG HOMEPAGE

Step 1: Get a K-Net Email Here
Step 2: Activate your Homepage Here
Step 3: Wait for someone to approve your Homepage. You
Step 4: Login to Myknet.org with your K-Net Email usernam

"... knowing native people have a place to visit on the WWW"

"… to have a native web page for the whole world to see ..."

baby-gaga.com

I'm 14.4 inches tall & you might be able to hear my heart beating through mommy's belly. I'm 26 weeks & 5 days old, only 93 days to go!

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F.Y.I
Name,- Brittney D. Paisley Fiddler
Age,-
Date of Birth,- December 8th
Reservation,- Sandy Lake ... & Kasabonika
Location,- Sandy Lake
Occupation,- hmmm... i dont even know.
Likes,- my unborn, *him, my family, having fun
DisLikes,- being alone here wth nothing to do!! ...
Yahoo,- one_nd_onliixoxo
Hotmail,-

Daily Blog*August 1st

omg i need to get out of here. don't deal w/many of this myself anymore. i just need to get out and have fun for once and to take my mind off things. but NOOOOO of course im stuck here. its just making things worse too. i need to go and have some fun wth my friends... and not only for that one little week my parents are taking me out. thats not enough. thats not gonna do anything. theyre probably not even gonna let me do anything too. i just need to get out of here! WHY CANT YOU JUST LET ME GO HAVE SOME FUN FOR ONCE FOR JUST A WHILE AT LEAST?!

Links-Give 'Em a Hit

Keira Kakepetum – MadelineKakegamic
– June Matthews – Karolyn Kakegamic
– Cheyanne Kakegamic – My Mom
– Osborn Kakepetum – Boo

*cbox. don't be shy

madd: heyyy well ahh call u later

chastain: when you see your baby the felling you get for your baby its like omg you'll know what i mean just be happy its good for your baby . later take care when your littleone comes you'll never behaved,

name   e-mail / url
message   Go

Tattoo Service Coming Soon! Want more information? Click here scumbag!

The Hoff wasn't well received....damn! Well I'll give super jesse a rest n post another awesome hero. Doug from the movie Ghostworld!

Simply Oji-Cree

Sandy Lake First Nation
Last Updated August 1, 2007

Real Name: SandyLake Singers
Nicknames: Sandy Lake Singers
From: Sandy Lake First Nation
Occupation: Drumming and Singing
Hobbies: KINDA tells u .....
Quote: Hey!! Lets go to a pow-wow this summer!!! lol

Booshoo! Its been awhile!

Well, to update you on our drum here, we're

planning to acquire a new hide from ...

the not so distant future (got

Also, we'll be in

Lookout at the Blueber

We've been learning and ma

sing. Hopefully we'll be goi

Pow-Wow this weekend, ju

ride..hmmmm

well, thats it for

p.s. got any links you think we

GAWDAMMIT!

Last Updated On J

Real Name: Joshane Fiddler
Nicknames: Joshane
From: Sandy Lake
Occupation: Sandy Lake Telemedicine Coordinator
Hobbies: Recording, Guitars, Music, Learning how to sing, Video Games, Computers
Quote: "" -

Joshane's Commentary

JULY 31/07
Hey there, indianoids!

I decided to do one of these rare updates on Knet. I've been just working and staying at home. There is this dog that I have been feeding our scraps to. I don't know his name but I guess I will call him Scraps. My son just keeps looking at the dog. I guess he doesn't know what it is yet. He'll be 10 months old tomorrow so he'll be one very shortly. Wow they do grow fast. Faith should be getting back to work soon and we don't have a sitter yet. SO if you can refer a baby sitter to me give us a call. I'm in the phone book under Joshane Fiddler. It may only be 4 days a week.

No jamming has come around my way lately. I've been trying to get together with Starsky, Donavon, and Alvin

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Smile.. its contagious

kewl_bannerz

THE BASICS
.Name.–Avery
.Nicknames.–I Dont Know
.Age.–10
.From.–Sandy Lake
.Hates.–Anything that bugs me
.Hobbies.–Outside,Inside,Compu
.Quote.–Sheeshcabob
.Yahoold.–Somethinf

My Cbox
Paste Your Cbox Here

Kisses and Hugs
Name here.....Message
Name here.....Message
Name here.....Message
Name here.....Message
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Name here.....Message

My Thoughts for Today
Month/Day/Year/Time
Start your Typing Here
I just cant wait till tommorow when i go to sioux im prabroly gonna get mad on the plane because where not there yet well gonna go do the rest

SEEYA!

CLickies :P
NAMEHERE NAMEHERE NAMEHERE NAMEHERE NAMEHERE NAMEHERE
----------->Thanks<-----------
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(indigenous) cyberactivism = cultural activism

- **diversity** of cultures

- but dominance of few = marginalization of many

- need to support local languages, cultural heritage & practices

- through
  (1) control & ownership
  (2) cooperation, networking & sharing

- considering limitations ...

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Nishnawbe-Aski First Nations

Legend
- NAN Territory
- Independent Bands
- Independent First Nations Alliance
- Keewaytinook Okimakanak
- Matawa First Nations
- Mushkegowuk Council
- Shibogama First Nations Council
- Wabun Tribal Council
- Windigo First Nations Council
- * Not affiliated with Nishnawbe-Aski Nation

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