

Better than TED: Talking HIV Research

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES: 32

COMPLETED EVALUATIONS: 20

AFFILIATION (20):

General Public: 3
Non-profit Organization: 11
University: 4
City of Toronto: 1
Health Services Consulting: 1

ATTENDEE OR PERSON IN FAMILY LIVING WITH HIV/HEPC (20):

Yes: 2
No: 17
Prefer to not answer: 1

ATTENDEE BIRTH YEAR (18):

1940-49: 1
1950-59: 1
1970-79: 3
1980-89: 7
1990-99: 6

INDIGENOUS (MULTIPLE OPTIONS POSSIBLE):

First Nations Person: 7
Metis: 2
Non-Indigenous: 11

GENDER (MULTIPLE OPTIONS POSSIBLE):

Male (cis-man): 6
Female (cis-woman): 10
Two-Spirit: 4
Non-binary: 1
Gay: 1

VISIBLE MINORITY (20):

Yes: 7
No: 12
Prefer to not answer: 1

VISIBLE/INVISIBLE DISABILITY (20):

Yes: 6
No: 11
Prefer to not answer: 3

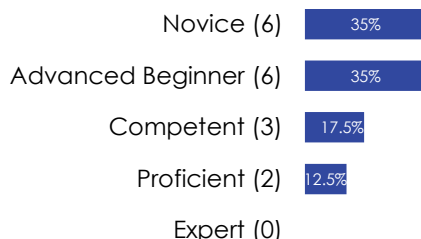
INDIGENOUS ISSUES WITH HIV IN CANADA

6-7:30 PM. SEPT 11, 2019. CENTRE FOR INDIGENOUS STUDIES.

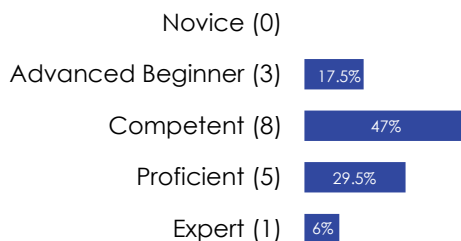
SUMMARY

McMaster Professor Randy Jackson, Anishinaabe from Kettle Point First Nation, discussed how research tends to victimize and pathologize Indigenous people across Canada, including studies focused on HIV. Jackson affirmed that ameliorating issues of HIV among Indigenous communities can only be accomplished when Indigenous knowledge and research methods guide research. Specifically, the act of storytelling can heal community and be utilized as a research methodology outside the Western paradigm of knowledge production.

“KNOWLEDGE” OF INDIGENOUS HIV ISSUES BEFORE ATTENDING (17/20)



“KNOWLEDGE” OF INDIGENOUS HIV ISSUES AFTER ATTENDING (17/20)



WHAT ATTENDEES LEARNED/SAID

“We are honoring each other by finding healing and reclamation and not having reconnection is physically harmful”
“Indigenous culture and knowledge is very local and therefore diverse making interventions difficult”
“Culture can be a protective factor for healing + working through associated issues”
“Storytelling as medicine. Decolonizing the mind + body through storytelling”
“[settlers must] evaluate the reasons why [they] want to ‘help’”

ATTENDEE PLANS FOR NEW KNOWLEDGE (MULTIPLE OPTIONS POSSIBLE)

Educate/Inform People: 16
Change Program/Practice: 4
Implement New Policy/Program: 2
Change Interactions with HIV+ People: 7
Inform Health Research in Ontario: 1
General Knowledge: 2