

Crystal Blain – Founder and #1 Auntie

Crystal is a university level educated, raised in the trenches, proud Indigenous woman that has been bridging the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people for decades. She has been doing the work of reconciliation long before reconciliation was introduced as an idea to corporate Canada.

Our #1 Auntie is the fun auntie to 56 nephews and nieces. Her work strikes a very tasteful balance of unvarnished approachability on the one hand, and the sensitivity to look at the hard parts of what being an Indigenous woman and leader mean, including her maternal family's Indian residential school experience.

Crystal's own experience of being a trauma and abuse survivor bring an organic and earthy approach to her work that allow her client groups to feel at ease, whether in a corporate boardroom, a not-for-profit lunchroom, or on the tailgate of a pick-up truck.

She also sits on the Board of Directors for the Aboriginal Friendship Centre of Calgary (AFCC), and is IAP2 trained.