

# 4-H ONTARIO WELCOMES MATT HILL



4-H Ontario is happy to welcome Matt Hill to the role of Volunteer Support Region 1 and First Nations Outreach. Matt brings with him extensive experience in Youth Development and working with First Nations People.

Matt has his B.A. Media, Information and Techoculture from The University of Western Ontario. Matt has dedicated his professional career to community development: He started his career as an Aboriginal Student Employment Counsellor with Human Resources Development Canada during university and worked closely with First Nations communities near London, ON. His passion and commitment for these communities evolved into a full day workshop hosted on the Chippewa of the Thames reserve, called "Working for Tomorrow", with over 50 youth in attendance. Matt served next at INROADS/Toronto, an organization that provides internships and professional development for talented minority and Aboriginal youth. During his time there, he conducted recruitment on reserves in Southern Ontario and increased representation of First Nations people in Corporate Canada.

Before joining 4-H Ontario, Matt worked with Youth Opportunities Unlimited as the Career Services Team Leader, overseeing the Employment Team. In this role, he was instrumental in the success of the Aboriginal Summer Revive program wherein youth from London and Middlesex County First Nations communities participated in workshops and work placements - and received two credits towards their high school education. The program was a huge success with ten youth completing the pilot program, receiving accolades from local Chiefs, their communities and Members of Provincial Parliament.

As a proud member of the Oneida First Nation, Matt is committed to providing opportunities for First Nations people. With 4-H, he is excited to be able to work with the First Nations communities of Ontario and connect them to the vibrant programming of 4-H. Matt will be chairing the working committee of joint members from 4-H Ontario and IAPO.

4-H Ontario is an organization of leaders building leaders. Youth ages 9-21, and a grass roots network of trained, screened Volunteers work together in clubs exploring agriculture, food, health and the environment. The "Learn To Do By Doing" style clubs, camps and conferences have a successful 96 year history in developing self confidence, hands-on skills and leadership abilities within youth and Volunteers.

