



# **Indigenizing Housing: Self-Determination, Land Restitution, and Environmentally Sustainable Futures**

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# How might we...

...give women, gender diverse people and marginalised communities stake in and benefit from the design, construction, ownership and maintenance of housing in Northern Ontario.





# Own different

## Alternative Ownership

- Worker owned labour
- Safe, sustainable and sufficient employment
- Alternative home ownership options
- Land trusts
- Home ownership offset fund





# Design Different

- Ecological, modular and passive homes
- Customizable, interchangeable wall panel system
- Beyond net-zero
- Culturally appropriate single/ low occupancy, multiplex and community buildings
- Energy and utility independence



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# Build different

- Indoor, localised and year-round assembly
- Warehousing of interchangeable panel systems.
- Retailing alternative building, energy and utility systems.





# Tooketree passive building





# Green Construction Program

## PURPOSE

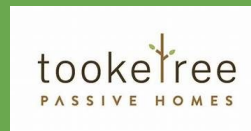
- Deliver programs that train Indigenous women and gender diverse people to design and construct buildings and homes with emphasis on green building, sustainable materials, and net zero/ energy efficiency.



## 5 YEAR GOALS

- Create Indigenous green building curriculum
- Build/retrofit 5 projects
- Establish internal well-trained team to lead training

## PARTNERS





# Food Forest building







# Train Different



## Training Programs

- KOTC has 25 years of experience delivering pre/employment training for Indigenous women
- KOTC training programs pair online and hands on learning, engage local contractors and communities
- Look to create opportunities long term employment and apprenticeship training for alternative systems
- Culture, Confidence and Competence

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# Supportive Initiatives

Development of Land Trust  
Land acquisition in Timiskaming District  
Culturally Relevant Inclusion in Planning and Development





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