

Forge Becomes Proud Partner of International Year of Indigenous Languages 2019 Campaign

Forge is thrilled to announce that we are a proud partner of the International Year of Indigenous Languages 2019 Campaign. Although the year is drawing to a close, the work being done by the campaign will make a lasting impact into 2020 and beyond, and we are excited to share that incredible work with the Forge community.

The International Year of Indigenous Languages first came to fruition in 2016. At that time, the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues presented startling statistics which showed that “40 percent of the estimated 6,700 languages spoken around the world were in danger of disappearing,” a majority of which are indigenous languages. IYIL 2019 has put together a year-long concerted effort to promote and protect indigenous languages and we’re honored to join the initiative.

“It is through language that we communicate with the world, define our identity, express our history and culture, learn, defend our human rights and participate in all aspects of society, to name but a few. Through language, people preserve their community’s history, customs and traditions, memory, unique modes of thinking, meaning and expression. They also use it to construct their future. Language is pivotal in the areas of human rights protection, good governance, peace building, reconciliation, and sustainable development.” — IYIL2019

Beyond seeing more of the campaign’s efforts across our social media channels, we are also working hard to build and implement indigenous language curricula into Forge’s future by connecting with community leaders, dedicated researchers, and, of course, native speakers. Although these features are a bit down the road, we very much look forward to developing them in a way that connects our users with the rich culture and heritage they come from.

As always, we want to hear from you! If you have anything you’d like to share with us, from an indigenous language you’d like to see curriculum on to an initiative you’d like us to be a part of or share with IYIL 2019, we’d love to know, so please get in touch via our [contact page](#)!