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Local Contexts receives grant

Public Knowledge grant will build capacity for IDSov tools and leadership

Local Contexts is grateful to receive a Mellon Foundation grant which will support capacity to meet growing global demand for Indigenous Data Sovereignty tools and leadership.

“We are greatly appreciative of the Mellon Foundation’s award, which will support our efforts to make our work sustainable and scalable,” said Executive Director Hop Hopkins. “Local Contexts’ tools and platform establish Indigenous provenance and community-defined protocols as an expectation. This infrastructure is more critical to build than ever.”

The grant from the Mellon Foundation will be directed towards growing organizational sustainability, development of the Local Contexts Hub’s features, strategic planning to meet global needs, support for communities and memberships, and building Indigenous Data Sovereignty leadership.

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About Local Contexts: Local Contexts is a nonprofit organization supporting the recognition of Indigenous rights and interests. Local Contexts’ vision is for Indigenous communities to exercise authority and sovereignty over their intellectual property, cultural and other heritage, genetic resources, knowledge, and data. Local Contexts offers the Traditional Knowledge and Biocultural Labels and Engagement, Disclosure, and Collections Care Notices — a global labelling system, built by, for, and with Indigenous communities. Local Contexts gives Indigenous communities, institutions, and researchers the tools to put Indigenous name, authority, and sovereignty back onto knowledge and information — and keep it there, wherever it travels. For more information, visit: https://LocalContexts.org/.