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Announcing the **launch of the Tradition & Transition Partnership website**, the go-to place for information and updates on cultural research by and with the Inuit of Labrador. Here you will find pictures, articles, announcements, and more about all the cultural research and community involvement happening in and around Nunatsiavut.

The research partnership is between the Nunatsiavut Inuit Government, Memorial University, and over twenty other organizations, from the small and local to the large and international. The project is designed to last five years, but its impact will be felt for some time to come.

"This is a very significant project between Nunatsiavut and Memorial University, and we are already seeing great community-based collaborative projects," says Nunatsiavut president Johannes Lampe. "I am also especially delighted to see a focus on language and that the website is available in Inuktitut."

Conscious effort has been made at every step of Tradition & Transition's journey to make Labrador Inuit values front and centre; from the inclusion of Inuktitut whenever possible, to community consultations, to the involvement of Labrador Inuit on research teams. Tradition & Transition is setting the bar on inclusive Indigenous research.

"It's pretty exciting," says Vicky Allen of Rigolet, who is studying business at Memorial University. "A lot of the research that's going on here needs to happen, and having this Partnership allows us not only to take part in the research but to help guide where it is going."

Tradition & Transition has been designed to be a place where academic curiosity and the knowledge of lived experience of the Labrador Inuit meet. The goal of the Partnership is to understand and strengthen Labrador Inuit culture, identity, and language.

The Partnership has been years in the making, and its organizers are ecstatic to see their work come to life, and go online for the world to see.

"I want to see the site become the platform for information about Labrador Inuit culture – a place where beneficiaries, researchers from around the world and a broad general public go to learn about the rich heritage of Nunatsiavut," says Tom Gordon, organizer and Professor Emeritus in Memorial University's School of Music, "And even more, I hope that through its connected social media, the website encourages those who live Labrador Inuit culture to share it with the rest of us, opening up an active conversation for all to participate in."

The \$7.4 million dollar research partnership is made possible by generous support from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Nunatsiavut, Memorial University, and the important contributions made by more than twenty partner organizations.

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