

# *Respect* Works Here

## Mollie Quil Quil Sneena Bono

She is filled with humour, passion,  
kindness and strength.

And if you are fortunate enough to participate in one of her workshops on Reconciliation, or to meet her in the community, you will benefit from the experience and your eyes will be opened. You will see what a treasure Mollie Bono is to the region and why she has been identified as a Community Champion.

Through her own personal history, Mollie has suffered the negative impacts of the Indian Act and has worked diligently to bring understanding of the issues and concerns to the larger community so that Reconciliation is possible.

Naturally curious and a self-described “pesky kid” that asks all kinds of questions, Mollie has made it her life’s work to gain knowledge and understanding and to share it back to the community in a meaningful way. She has worked for School District #22, First Nations Friendship Centre in Vernon and the Okanagan Indian Band. She has also served as Councillor on the Band for six terms and is currently serving her third term as a School Trustee.

Sharing her stories and truths with people, Mollie honors all of her ancestors, and especially the women. She uses very gentle humour to address heavy subjects and sad realities.

~ Mollie Bono

"We are still here, despite so many things that happened," says Mollie. "I really credit our ancestors and their foresight and their desire to live in harmony with the land. We need to reclaim that, which means we need to be protecting our land and our water. As First Nations, we are so connected to the land. That's why it is important that we are acknowledged as the First People, that it is acknowledged this is the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of our people. That's where Reconciliation starts."



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