



FEMMES AUTOCHTONES DU QUÉBEC  
QUEBEC NATIVE WOMEN

## Biographie

**Marjolaine Etienne**, an Innu woman from the Pekuakamiulnuatsh community of Mashteuiatsh, grew up in a culturally rich and diverse environment. She first worked in community intervention before entering politics, passionately defending Indigenous peoples' rights and well-being.

In December 2021, she became President of Quebec Native Women. In May 2024, she organized the "Great Summit" to actively promote women's participation in decision-making bodies, enabling them to make their voices heard on important issues and assert themselves.

Marjolaine is also an advisor to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples, a prestigious position to which UN General Secretary Antonio Guterres appointed her. A deep and sincere commitment to social justice, equity, reconciliation, and the valorization of Indigenous traditions, languages and cultures marks her work.

Her professional background and numerous achievements enable her to contribute significantly to the mission of Quebec Native Women. She is driven by a burning desire for social transformation and the conviction that every woman and girl deserves to realize her full potential and to be heard.

Marjolaine envisions a world where the rights and dignity of First Nations women are respected and communities thrive in a context of social justice, equality and respect for cultural traditions. She aspires to a society where women can thrive safely, with equitable education, health, economic development and political participation opportunities.

It is essential to her to preserve cultural heritage while paving the way for a better future for younger generations by offering them promising and enriching prospects.

