



# Native American Heritage Month Events

First Things First's Tribal Affairs team, in partnership with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's International Decade of Indigenous Languages, invites you to **join us for a series of live panel sessions, "Collective Language Revitalization" throughout November.**

Collective Language Revitalization Panel #1: **Click [HERE](#) to register.**

Thursday, November 3, 2022 from 3pm - 4pm PST

*Hear leaders from the White Mountain Apache Tribe Community School and Gila County's Family & Consumer Health Sciences discuss language revitalization program development in their community.*

Collective Language Revitalization Panel #2: **Click [HERE](#) to register.**

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 from 3pm – 4pm MST

*Hear San Carlos Apache Tribe Language Preservation Department leaders and a Pascua Yaqui Tribe literacy specialist at Dr. Fernando Escalante Tribal Library discuss how individuals can promote language teaching and learning in their communities.*

Collective Language Revitalization Panel #3: **Click [HERE](#) to register.**

Thursday, November 17, 2022 from 3pm – 4pm MST

*Learn from a group of passionate mothers from the Navajo Nation who created the Shima Storytelling Program, a grassroots reading program. They will discuss their process for creating a language revitalization program and how communities can promote language revitalization efforts.*

## **The meaning behind “Collective Language Revitalization”**

This year for Native American Heritage Month, FTF will focus on the International Decade of Indigenous Languages goal to empower Indigenous peoples to learn, teach and transmit their languages to current and future generations.

Language revitalization work shouldn't fall only on the shoulders of language and cultural professionals. It is a shared responsibility of the community. We are honored and blessed to host panelists from various communities and organizations to share their work in language revitalization, reclamation, immersion and preservation in Arizona.

Please join First Things First for the live webinars, or watch the recorded webinars on the First Things First YouTube channel in November!