



The UBC Climate Action Mobilizers Present:

# PADDLING<sup>®</sup> TOGETHER

## Guiding Star ★

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interconnectivity & relationships drive the village model

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→ kindness  
→ generosity

What values will support your canoe?  
What will you choose to leave behind?

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MUSIC FOOD ART  
There are key items that remind us WHO WE ARE & connect us to HOME  
LANGUAGE

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