

**Part-time Contract Employment Opportunity w/ Local Arts  
Organization**

**AlgomaTrad Now Accepting Resumes for:**

**“Seniors Building Connection through Skill Sharing & Arts and Culture” Program Coordinator,  
Part-Time**

The Senior’s Program Coordinator will work with AlgomaTrad’s Artistic Directors and Board to implement a program in rural central Algoma to engage as many local, rural seniors as possible in the learning and sharing of heritage skills, arts and crafts, including music and dance. Through a program of weekly sharing in a welcoming space which will include lunch, connections will be fostered, new learning and inspiration will occur through participation in activities, and seniors will experience a sense of community, resulting in a lessened feeling of isolation.

The Applicant should:

- Have experience with Arts program administration and implementation, working with the public, and have an interest in senior outreach.
- Be community-minded and comfortable working with all ages in-person and online.
- Be familiar with and understand the mission and mandate of AlgomaTrad.
- Have a valid driver's license and be able to travel to Central Algoma region (Sault Ste. Marie to Thessalon, including St. Joseph Island)
- Be able to work at least 160 flexible hours (app. 10 hours/week) between December 02, 2024 and April 04, 2025, not including the holiday season from December 24, 2024 to January 03, 2025. Some evening and weekend hours may be required.

English/French Bilingualism is an asset.

The wage for this position is \$30/hour including mercs

**Please see attachment (next page) for Project description.**

Resumes will be accepted by email or mail until **Wednesday, November 27,  
2024, 4:30PM**

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AlgomaTrad operates in compliance with Public Health orders and guidelines.

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## **Attachment #1**

### **Algoma Traditional Music & Dance Group (AlgomaTrad)**

#### **Project Description for Seniors Building Connection through Skill Sharing & Arts and Culture**

**Website:** <https://algotrad.ca/>

The project will involve outreach to local seniors and seniors' residences and centers in the remote rural catchment area of Echo Bay, ON to Thessalon, ON and St. Joseph Island, ON through print and social media, in-person visits to centers and residences, discussions with local PSWs, and through the organization's email database. The Project Coordinator will work with the organization's Artistic Directors to help with the research for the project as well as its design and implementation. Research will be undertaken through December in the communities to source out seniors who are artists, musicians, craftspeople, knowledge keepers, and storytellers. Where skilled senior artists are not available for certain aspects of the project (e.g., professional musicians, callers, artists) the project team will engage those professionals as needed. These professionals would also largely be from the regional area. The project team will also compile research into the interests and hobbies of potential senior participants in the project.

From this research, the project team will build a program for the sharing, mentorship, and celebration of the identified skill sets and interests. Programs will run from the middle of January to the middle of March 2025, approximately 2 or 3 days a week for a total of 20 workshops/events and will include: music sharing and learning; social events like community dances (squares, contras, ceili, and sets); language learning and sharing from minority communities, e.g., French, Métis, and Indigenous, through song and food culture; skill sharing, gathering, and mentoring through hands-on projects like, but not exclusively, fiber arts (natural fibers through spinning, weaving, rug hooking, braiding rugs, felting), woodworking (e.g., sloyd or green wood carving); and music and song learning and sharing workshops or gatherings. The project will culminate in a celebration where all aspects of the program will be woven into the event.

AlgomaTrad is already a known organization in the region and its audiences are reached through its website, email list, social media channels, online news portals, local newspapers, and extensive word of mouth. Project team will also provide senior centers and homes with program information, and will work with these centers to deliver programs. The project will take place then at the AlgomaTrad Centre and local community halls and senior residences and centers.

Example 1: A senior who is a traditional basket maker will share their experience in their artistic journey, and provide an opportunity for participants to work on a project with the senior basket artist.

Example 2: A senior musician, or a group of senior musicians will share their music with seniors who live in rural seniors' residences.

Example 3: A francophone sharing session for traditional songs.

Example 4: Gatherings for local rural senior musicians to jam and play together or to learn a form of social dance, with the community invited to come and share in the experience.

Example 5: An Indigenous elder shares their experience with caring for land and people through song, craft, and/or stories.