

Plato x OLG - main video - EN

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The partnership between OLG and Plato is something that to me has evolved over time.

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We started with an introduction in Vancouver when Plato was little more than an idea.

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Not long after that, I travelled to Sioux Saint Marie to attend a business conference to spread the word about our idea.

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The last five years we've been able to establish a presence here, deliver multiple training courses and create jobs for Indigenous Canadians, provide value for the local economy.

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The impact Plato has had on my career and life in general has been a huge one.

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It's been a fantastic journey.

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I started last year with a six month contract in their digital area program where I assisted in regression testing and testing of their website elements, their casino, online gaming, mobile gaming, mobile apps and and that sort of thing.

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And then when that contract concluded within a week or two, I was actually presented with another unique opportunity where I, I came back on board as a senior business analyst with working with Plato and OLG.

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I've managed to interact and meet individuals across the community where there's hope, there is actual strength in the community.

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And I'm, I feel like I'm kind of being a part of these interactions with other individuals that are actually making constant positive changes in the community.

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And I like to be a part of that.

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I hadn't taken the chance to try to work with Plato.

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I would most likely still be working multiple jobs in the retail jobs.

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I was just feeling really drained, frustrated, really wishing that I could have a nice relaxing, even just a weekend.

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You know what I'm the happiest I am right now that I've ever been in my life.

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I'm just feeling very independent.

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A lot has changed since I started with Plato, and for the better.

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They are supportive and they encourage us to, to do what we like to do within the company play the program is, is an internship essentially where we're building skills of the indigenous community to, you know, better individuals.

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We have a lot of technology, we have a lot of experience and knowledge within OLG and it's it's a perfect place to build skills that, you know, might not come naturally with regards to the interaction in the private sector.

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We believe that that's a way that allows our community members to find comfort pursuing careers with authenticity and with confidence in an industry that has very few other Indigenous Canadians that have paved the way before them.

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We've been able to establish a presence here, deliver multiple training courses, and create jobs for Indigenous Canadians that provide value for the local economy.

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The work that we do for OLG helps us to build our skills, helps us to expand our experience, but it also helps, I think, OLG to diversify its supply chain and demonstrate that through its purchase of services that it's having an impact in the Indigenous community around Sue Saint Marie.