

SULIQIVISA IHLC-MI UQAUSIPTIGUN



What have we done here at IHLC for
our language

IHLC-tkuayaat ilisaurrirut Iñupiuraagnigmik ilisaguktuanun.

- **Katichuurut ilisaqtuat piñatchigmatalu sisammigmatalu**
 - IHLC hosts Inupiaq language classes for those that want to learn on Wednesday and Thursday.
- **Malguk kiavallagnillaagnik katichuurut ilisaqtuat**
 - The classes are two hours long every time they meet
- **Sulimmatalu atuguugaat Iñupiuraagniq**
 - The Inupiaq language is used every time a workshop is held for hands on learning
- **Utqiagvigmi kisian piñitchut aglaan iluqaisa nunaqqiurat
Piñiluktut siggaqigaluaqtutik ikayuqtaillam**

Not only in Barrow are these classes held, but our staff in the villages are trying to teach even without extra support

Apqusaanaravut uqautchiptigun

What we have endured with our language.

Piyuktaunarugut miqtiqtuunḡapta minuaqtuḡvigmi

We were treated with corporal punishment also known as domestic violence in our early years of education.

There are many stories of residents of my age and older that experienced the trauma, some worse than others. For the fear of being hit, we hid the usage of our language to almost extinction. If you have not heard, the Inupiaq language is on the endangered Language list of the United Nations.

**Alianaqsisuuruq Iñupiaqataitchuni, maannaimma allat
nunaqqillaaptigni tainna itchugnaḡmiut.**

It gets lonely not having anyone to speak Inupiaq with, and I'm certain that it is the same in the villages for some of our elders.

**Kasimammata atanauravut IHLC-mi,
Iñupiuraaqsiññagnaḡniuraḡuurut kasimallaḡmik.**

When our Commission meets for their quarterly meeting here at IHLC, they conduct their meetings in our Iñupiaq language