

Mary Stella Decontie (Desmoulin) is an Algonquian language keeper. Mary is from Kitigan Zibi First Nation located close to Maniwaki Quebec, Canada.

Her father and mother, Barney and Neille Decontie were fluent in Algonquian. Her father was a hunter and worked as a guide for outdoor sport man on hunting and fishing trips. Her mother was a homemaker and tended to planting gardens and raising her family and grandchildren.

Mary Decontie professional experience started as a medical nurse working in hospitals in Ottawa Ontario Canada and other parts of the Province of Ontario. She has held positions as an administrator, business owner, Executive Director for the Indigenous Friendship Centre of Sault Ste. Marie, sat on the Board of Governors of Sault College. She has worked in court system in Sault Ste. Marie and has been involved extensively in civic duties and a life of volunteering in retirement Mary taught Algonquian at the Wabano Centre in Ottawa, Canada.

Mary is excited to be a part of the 2019 International Year of Indigenous Languages as she would like to share the Algonquian language.

We hope you enjoy what she has to share.