

Elashuk Pauyungie, Salluit

Panel member for "Nutaraqtaarniq nunalingnirmiunut alianaippuq - Birth, a joyous community event"

Elashuk Pauyungie was born and raised in Salluit, Nunavik and has been working at the Taqramiut Nipingat Inc. since 1986 as the Radio manager and still works there today.

Elashuk has always been involved in traditional Inuit midwifery and up to this day Inuit midwifery still remains close to her heart. She was involved, along with other traditional Inuit midwives, in establishing birthing centres in Inukjuak, Puvirnituk and Salluit. She states it was a long, difficult fight to develop the birthing centres but is pleased to say that the birthing centres are still going strong today and are helping many women and families in Nunavik.

Elashuk is very involved in her community of Salluit; she sits on various committees, specifically in Health and Education areas as well as the women's shelter in Salluit.