



Introduction to Reconciliation

A Tamarack Learning Centre & Vibrant Communities Webinar Series
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TODAY'S WEBINAR SPEAKERS:



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WELCOME TO TERRITORY



How do we begin?

WORDS FROM OUR ELDERS





Setting the Tone of Reconciliation

ACKNOWLEDGE – the past

UNDERSTAND – the present realities

CHANGE – the future

All of this is done – **TOGETHER.**

'Nanmwayut: WE ARE ALL ONE.



Reconciliation Canada Overview

- **Indigenous-led** charity that **catalyzes meaningful relationships** through **values-based dialogue, leadership and action.**
- Engage all peoples in Canada in **open and honest conversation about our diverse histories** and experiences in order to build resilient and sustainable communities - **a new way forward.**



Reconciliation Canada's Approach to Reconciliation

Working towards renewed relationships
between Indigenous peoples and all Canadians

Role for all peoples to play in reconciliation –
across cultural, faith, professional backgrounds

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OUR SHARED CANADIAN HISTORY

The Indian Act (1876)

Government of Canada assigned responsibility for:
“Indians and lands reserved for Indians.”

Status: Who is, isn't 'status' Indian

Bill C-31 (1985) only partially cured this gender discrimination – residual problems for children of reinstated women

*Now non-status Indians and Metis peoples are now recognized under the Constitution as 'Indians' but not included under the Indian Act (**Daniels Decision** April 2016)*



The Indian Act

1884-1951

- Banned Potlatch Ceremonies and Sun Dance Ceremonies

1911 – 1951

- Reserve land could be taken from bands without consent, and (1918 – 1951) could also lease reserve land to non-Indians without the band's agreement

1914-1951

- Made illegal for Indigenous peoples to wear traditional regalia

1927-1951

- Not allowed to bring actions against the Government of Canada, or raise funds for purpose of hiring a lawyer

Indian Residential Schools



Thomas Moore before and after his entrance into the Regina Indian Residential School in Saskatchewan in 1874.

Library and Archives Canada / NL-022474

Mandate: “To Kill the Indian in the Child”

150,000 Indigenous children taken

140 Indian Residential Schools in Canada

Funded by the **Federal Government** and run by **Christian Churches**



Indian Residential Schools

“I want to get rid of the Indian problem until there is not a single Indian in Canada that has not been absorbed into the body politic and there is no Indian question and no Indian department.”

Duncan Campbell Scott, Deputy Superintendent, DIA – 1920

1861: First school opened in Mission, BC

1870's: First federally-funded IRS

1996: Last school closes in Saskatchewan



Indian Residential Schools

- 10 – 12 Months of the Year; up to 15 Years
- Corporal punishment, sexual abuse and neglect
- Forbidden to speak Indigenous languages or practice culture
- Disconnection from family, community, language and culture



Indian Residential Schools

“System wide 50% of the children who passed through these schools did not live to benefit from the education which they had received within.”

Dr. Peter Bryce, Medical Inspector, DIA – 1907

Cultural genocide is the systematic destruction of traditions, values, language, and other elements which make one group of people distinct from other groups.

Intergenerational Trauma and Legacy Issues

Intergenerational Trauma is the transmission of historical oppression and its negative consequences across generations.

“The closing of residential schools did not bring their story to an end. The legacy of the schools continues to this day. It is reflected in the significant educational, income, and health disparities between Aboriginal people and other Canadians.”

“The Legacy,” Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Final Report



Intergenerational Trauma and Legacy Issues

- Children in care
- **Missing and Murdered Women**
- Prison and Justice system
- Alcohol and Drug abuse



So What is Reconciliation? Why now?



WHAT DOES RECONCILIATION MEAN TO ME...



Why is reconciliation meaningful to me?



CLOSING CIRCLE

What will I take away from today's dialogue?



“Reconciliation begins with you. Create and grow a way of life for yourself and others, starting today.”

Chief Robert Joseph
Ambassador, Reconciliation Canada

QUESTIONS?

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Social Innovation from an Indigenous Lens: The Winnipeg Boldness Project

August

Description TBD



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TURF, TRUST, AND COLLABORATION

Ottawa | September 17, 2018

This workshop will provide participants with simple, practical tools and approaches for building trust. Participants will be able to bring these back into their collaborative efforts and renew engagement and shared ownership.

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September 18-19, 2018
Peel Region, Ontario

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**October 1-4, 2018
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