



Canada Day: Resources for learning and engaging with Indigenous communities

As National Indigenous History Month comes to an end, and in the wake of the ongoing confirmations of unmarked graves at residential school sites across the country, many people are asking the question: How can I or my organization celebrate Canada Day while respecting the communities that have been harmed throughout Canadian history?

July 1st offers an opportunity to acknowledge, educate, remember, and take action. We have compiled a broad range of resources to inspire you to consider your own role in reconciliation this Canada Day.

If you are interested in learning more, you can review our educational guide on Indigenous inclusion.

Perspectives to consider

- Cancel Canada Day, Idle No More
- Celebrating Canada Day Doesn't Erase Its Ugly History. So, What Can We Do?, Huffington Post
- Non-Indigenous people here's what you can do, right now, IndigiNews
- Plusieurs personnes ne célébreront pas la Fête du Canada, par respect pour les Autochtones, noovo moi
- The case for and against cancelling Canada Day, Toronto Star
- Why you shouldn't be celebrating Canada Day- and what to do instead, The Indigenous Foundation

Things to do



Donate to Indigenous charities

 Support Indigenous Works' Kocihta Charity (Charity #846394922)



Request a KAIROS Blanket Exercise for your organization



Learn the history of the land you live on, or the closest residential schools



Support Indigenous artists at galleries and festivals:

- Indigenous Art at the National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa
- Indigenous Art Centre, Quebec
- The Museum of Anthropology, Vancouver
- WAG-Qaumajuq, Winnipeg





Other resources



ARTICLES, REPORTS, AND TOOLS

- A history of residential schools in Canada, CBC News
- Canada Day: Reflect, listen, learn, commit to action, BC General Employees' Union
- Indigenous Ally Toolkit / Trousse d'outils pour les alliées aux lutes autochtones, Montreal Indigenous Community NETWORK
- Indigenous history in Canada/ Histoire autochtone, Government of Canada
- Whose Land Is It Anyway? A Manual For Decolonization / Après tout, à qui appartient cette terre? Un guide pour la décolonisation, Federation of Post-Secondary Educators of BC



BOOKS

CCDI encourages you to check with your local bookstore or municipal library for availability of these publications.

- #IndigenousReads / #LecturesAutochtones (Government of Canada)
- 5 histories de personnalités autochtones inspirantes (FR- Michel Noël)
- 21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act: Helping Canadians Make Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples a Reality (Bob Joseph)
- A Mind Spread Out On The Ground (Alicia Elliott)
- Blanket Toss Under Midnight Sun (Paul Seesequasis)
- Five Little Indians (Michelle Good)

- Indigenous Relations: Insights, Tips & Suggestions to Make Reconciliation a Reality (Bob Joseph)
- Linge Brisée (FR Katherena Vermette)
- La force de marcher (FR Wab Kinew)
- Manikanetish (FR Naomi Fontaine)
- Peace and Good Order (Harold R. Johnson)
- Seven Fallen Feathers (Tanya Talaga)
- The Inconvenient Indian (Thomas King)
- The North-West is Our Mother (Jean Teillet)
- Treaty # (Armand Garnet Ruffo)



FILM AND TELEVISION

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- Angry Inuk / Inuk en colère (National Film Board of Canada)
- Atanarjuat: The Fast Runner (CBC Gem)
- Cheval Indien (FR; Netflix)
- Indigenous Made Film Catalogue / Films de production autochtone (Reel Canada)
- Kanehsatake, 270 ans de resistance (FR; National Film Board of Canada)
- Le people de la rivière Kattawapiskak (FR; National Film Board of Canada)
- Le peuple invisible (FR; National Film Board of Canada)
- Maina (CBC Gem)
- Mohawk Girls (CBC Gem)

- nîpawistamâsowin: We Will Stand Up (National Film Board of Canada)
- Rhymes for Young Ghouls (CBC Gem)
- RUMBLE: The Indians Who Rocked the World (Amazon, iTunes, Google Play and Vudu)
- Stolen Children (Curio)
- The Body Remembers When the World Broke Open (CBC Gem)
- The Lesser Blessed (CBC Gem)
- The Secret Path (Curio)
- Uvanga (CBC Gem)
- Violation of Trust (Curio)
- We were Children (National Film Board of Canada)



PODCASTS

- All My Relations
- Coffee with My Ma
- Métis in Space
- Missing and Murdered
- Native Opinion
- New Fire with Lisa Charleyboy
- RAVEN (De)Briefs
- Red Man Laughing
- Residential Schools Podcast Series / Série de baladodiffusion Pensionnats indiens

- Secret Life of Canada
- The Henceforward
- The Red Nation
- This Land
- Unreserved
- Canadaland
- Media Indigena
- Indigenous Voices
- Reclaimed







TED Talks

- Breaking the Silence surrounding Canada's Indigenous Crisis (Qajaq Robinson)
- Canada's State of Emergency (Pamela Palmater)
- Forgotten Narrative: the First Nations Reality (Diane Hill)
- It's Time to Re-imagine Canada's 'nice' Identity (Riley Yesno)



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