

MAKE SEPTEMBER 30TH MATTER

Ways I Can Participate in Truth & Reconciliation Day

Honoring Indigenous history, including the survivors of residential schools, their families and communities

- Personally visit and support Woodland Cultural Centre (Brantford, ON), the site of Mohawk Institute Residential School. Woodland Cultural Centre's goal is to preserve, promote and strengthen Indigenous language, culture, art and history through education and the arts. <https://woodlandculturalcentre.ca/>
- Participate virtually in Woodland Cultural Centre's informative programming:
 - *Mohawk Institute Residential School Virtual Tour and Debrief*
 - *Truth & Reconciliation Commission Workshop*
 - <https://woodlandculturalcentre.ca/book-now-for-september-programming-series/>
- The Orange Shirt Society was formed in Williams Lake by the founders of *Orange Shirt Day* to encourage and support communities to recognize Orange Shirt Day and to support reconciliation events and activities. Their goal is to create awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of Indian Residential Schools through Orange Shirt Day activities, and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters". Support the Society by purchasing online an orange shirt from one of their approved sellers <https://www.orangeshirtday.org/shirt-retailers.html> or buy one locally from an Indigenous vendor.
- Donate to an organization that aims to raise awareness about the impact of residential schools or provides support for survivors and their families. Some examples include the Indian residential School Survivors Society, Na-mi-quai-ni-mak Community Fund, Legacy of Hope Foundation, Orange Shirt Society, Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund and, locally, the Woodland Cultural Centre.
- Read the ***Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action*** document available from the Government of Canada's Publications website and https://ehprnh2mwo3.exactdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf
 - Print copies of this document are also available at all library branches.

- Visit the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation website and participate in their upcoming events and educational opportunities <https://nctr.ca/>
- Join the Six Nations Public Library History Circle on the third Tuesday of each month, at 2:00 pm. This program is open to anyone who has an interest in learning about and discussing Six Nations local history. Call 519-445-2954 for details.
- **DIAL-A-STORY:** The Six Nations Public Library offers an innovative way for your family to know and appreciate Indigenous knowledge and traditions. Call 519-900-0908 to hear children's stories and oral histories in many languages, all read and shared by Indigenous community members.
- Take the **Indigenous Canada** course from the University of Alberta, a free twelve-lesson online course that explores the different histories and contemporary perspectives of Indigenous peoples living in Canada, all from an Indigenous perspective. Topics include the fur trade and other exchange relationships, land claims and environmental impacts, legal systems and rights, political conflicts and alliances, and contemporary Indigenous life, art and its expressions. www.coursera.org
- Learn about and visit Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation <http://mncfn.ca/>
- Learn about and visit Six Nations of the Grand River <https://www.sixnations.ca/>
- Listen to special National Day for Truth and Reconciliation broadcasts from the CBC on September 30th
- Greet the day with a Sunrise Ceremony and other informative content about truth and reconciliation on APTN <https://www.apntv.ca/ndtr/>
- Wear orange on September 30th to show your support.
- Watch an online video to learn about the history of Orange Shirt Day: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EuW4WbekhxY>