

# **Resources for Honouring National Indigenous History Month**

Ode'miin Giizis (Strawberry Moon, June) 2022

Toronto Urban Native Ministry

[www.tunm.ca](http://www.tunm.ca)

This resource guide lifts up both virtual and in-person opportunities for celebration, education, and remembering.

This year, as we continue to face the reality of the horrors of the Church-run Indian Residential School system, Toronto Urban Native Ministry is especially featuring a virtual tour of the Mohawk Institute Residential School on June 15th at 7pm. Find details below.

## **Lacrosse: Roots of the Game- It's a Medicine Game**

Presented by Kevin Sandy of Haudenosaunee Lacrosse, virtual.

Learn about the history of lacrosse! This presentation takes learners on a journey from the very first game played between the Creator and his brother, to the Medicine Game, Winged v Land Animals, Sky World to Mother Earth, Wooden Stick Teachings, Rules of the Game, Why Women Historically Didn't Play, Different Nations/Sticks and Individual Story Telling.

Wednesday Jun 01, 2022

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Register online at:

<https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Entt=RDMEVT452962&R=EVT452962>

## **Connecting Land-Based Healing & Traditional Medicines at the New Home of Anishnawbe Health Toronto**

Virtually join Anishnawbe Health Toronto, which the Diocese of Toronto has financially supported, for a virtual tour on Wednesday June 1.

12pm-1pm virtual event (register for zoom link)

<https://aht.salsalabs.org/ipljune1virtualevent/index.html>

## **Myeengun Henry: Traditional Anishinaabe Teachings**

Virtual webinar, free, June 2, 2022, 6:00-7:30pm

“Please join us for this live webinar! Elder Myeengun Henry, Indigenous Knowledge Keeper, is Anishinaabe and a member from Deshkan Ziibiing. He is a former Chief of The Chippewas of the Thames First Nation and current elected Band Councilor. Myeengun is a traditional medicine healer and ceremony conductor, providing strategic leadership to University of Waterloo Faculty of Health in response to the Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action.”

Register here:

<https://uwaterloo.ca/indigenous/events/myeengun-henry-traditional-anishinaabe-teachings-free>

## **Two-Spirit Pow Wow**

Saturday, June 4, 2022 10am-6pm, in person.

70 Canuck Ave, North York, ON M3K 2C5

Toronto's first Two-Spirit Pow Wow at Downsview Park, hosted by 2-Spirited People of the 1st Nations. Through community, food, music and dance we hope to shine a light on who we are as Two-Spirit folks and our Nations as a whole.

<https://2spirits.org/>

## **As Long as the Rivers Flow: Past, Present and Future of the Land Back Movement**

Tue Jun 14, 2022, virtual, 1:00 p.m.

What is the Land Back Movement? In recent years, this Indigenous-led movement has been increasingly visible in mainstream media. However, the origins of this political, cultural, and environmental movement go back generations.

Register online at:

<https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Entt=RDMEVT453531&R=EVT453531>

### **Mohawk Institute Residential School Virtual Tour**

June 15th, 2022, 7:00PM, virtual.

Cost: \$10 donation to educational programming at the Woodland Cultural Centre

The Woodland Cultural Centre presents a screening of the Mohawk Institute Residential School. Join us every third Wednesday of the month at 7pm and help support virtual programming at the Woodland Cultural Centre with your donation.

The virtual tour video was created with local production company Thru the Reddoor, and it follows the guide, Lorrie Gallant, as she gives a tour of the former Mohawk Institute Indian Residential School. During the video Lorrie provides the history of the institution over its 140 year history. Viewers will get to see the different rooms in the school, from the girls' and boys' dormitories, the cafeteria, laundry room, and other rooms throughout the building, as well as hear interviews from five Survivors of the Mohawk Institute. The Mohawk Institute was run by Anglican clergy, the Anglican Church of Canada, and the New England Company.

To register:

<https://woodlandculturalcentre.ca/june-15-2022-virtual-tour-of-the-former-mohawk-institute-residential-school/>

### **Jordan Williams White Eye: Anishinaabe Thunderbird Sundance of Ontario**

June 16 2022, 6:00-7:30pm, virtual webinar, free

“Jordan Williams White Eye is a passionate and dedicated Father from Bkejwanong First Nation. He is an Anishinaabe (Ojibway, Pottawatomi and Lenape) Spiritual Advisor, Knowledge Keeper, Pipe Carrier and Sweat Lodge Conductor, and he is the Caretaker/Leader of the Anishinaabe Thunderbird Sundance of Ontario. Jordan is Native Liaison with the Inn of the Good Shepherd in Sarnia, Ontario, and in addition to this role, offers cultural support to First Nation communities, community-based Indigenous agencies, colleges and universities, and provincial and federal correctional facilities across Ontario.”

Register here:

<https://uwaterloo.ca/indigenous/events/jordan-williams-white-eye-anishinaabe-thunderbird-sundance>

### **Na-Me-Res Traditional Pow Wow**

Location: Fort York Historical site, 250 Fort York Blvd, Toronto, ON M5V 3K9

June 18th and 19th, in person.

The Na-Me-Res Annual Traditional Pow Wow returns Saturday, June 18 with drummers, dancers and food vendors. On Sunday, June 19 enjoy the Indigenous Food Market and main stage performances. Shop at the Craft Vendor Market both days and also enjoy month-long art installations.

### **Indigenous People’s Celebration- Richmond hill**

June 25th 1pm-5pm Elgin Barrow Arena, 43 Church St., in person.

Join Indigenous People’s Celebration, with live music, drumming, food, vendors, and speakers.

### **Awakenings**

From June to July, enjoy new performances and art installations created by artists from the 2021 Awakenings Artist Mentorship program. Under the guidance of Weyni Mengesha, Mentor and Artistic Director at Soulpepper

Theatre Company, young artists have created powerful & playful works born of resistance, resilience and a call for a revolution of love and healing.

<https://www.soulpepper.ca/performances/awakenings>

Explore an unseen view. Awaken a new perspective. Join the conversation.

Learn more below and view the full program

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkj3j5udLYHQUS8QwQGZKz3IUBgEWzmn\\_](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkj3j5udLYHQUS8QwQGZKz3IUBgEWzmn_)

### **Nogojiwanong Indigenous Fringe Festival (NIFF)**

<http://www.indigenousfringefest.ca/>

June 21-26, 2022, Peterborough, in person.

Take in theatre, music, poetry, dance and more performed by Indigenous multi-disciplinary artists and actors from across Ontario at this brand-new Indigenous fringe festival. Ten companies are scheduled to perform during the five-day festival following a special opening ceremony to kick off the event and commemorate Indigenous Peoples Day. Fringe festivals are uncensored, experimental theatre experiences that explore non-traditional styles and themes and support independent companies and artists. NIFF is a member of the Canadian Association of Fringe Festivals.

Shows will take place in an outdoor venue adjacent to the Enwayaang Building of Gzowski College, in the East Bank campus of Trent University in Peterborough. Get your tickets online from the Showplace Performance Centre. Trent University is located on the treaty and traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg and Chippewa Nations, collectively known as the Williams Treaties First Nations.

### **Indigenous Learning Circle led by Traditional Indigenous Elder, Cat Criger**

This event will run weekly, beginning June 21

This weekly learning circle explores Indigenous cultures, perspectives and issues. Thoughts and questions of the participants, Indigenous teaching and

philosophies will help guide the discussions to facilitate an intercultural dialogue.

Virtual experience. Registration details can be found here:

[www.mississauga.library.ca/IHM](http://www.mississauga.library.ca/IHM)

### **Susan Aglukark: Nomad- Correcting the Narrative**

June 23, 2022, 6:00–7:30pm, free webinar

Through songs, stories, film, photos and music videos, NOMAD will take you on the journey of the Canadian Inuit over the last several thousand years shedding light on some of the psychological and cultural impacts of rapid change in the North. NOMAD also gives a glimpse of the resilience and determination of a people who have maintained a quiet dignity despite near annihilation by disease and rapid change, a glimpse of the strengths of the traditional culture. While NOMAD helps us better understand the effects of colonization and generational trauma caused by the Canadian Governments Residential School/assimilation policy on Inuit, viewers also gain an understanding that we as Indigenous (artists) work with and from for our own respective healing and learning.

Register here:

<https://uwaterloo.ca/indigenous/events/susan-aglukark-nomad-correcting-narrative-free-webinar>

### **The Work of Leanne Betasmosake Simpson**

Looking to read a book by a local Michi Saagiig Nishnaabeg scholar, artist, and poet this June? Visit Dr. Leanne Simpson's website to order her forthcoming publication *Rehearsals for Living*, or view one of her multimedia art films, listen to her music, or order a book of her poetry, such as *Islands of Decolonial Love*.

<https://www.leannesimpson.ca/>

### **Indigenous Lawyer Dr. Pamela Palmater's Youtube Channel**

This incredible resource gathers research based knowledge and informed analysis in short videos brought to you by Ryerson University's Chair in Indigenous Governance and Mi'kmaq Nation's Dr. Pamela Palmater.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTeExnsj\\_hu87OwPCHcBcjA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTeExnsj_hu87OwPCHcBcjA)

### **Engage the Calls to Justice**

This summary report gives an excellent introduction and engagement with the concrete calls to action and justice from the final report on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Queer people. Consider reading the Calls to Justice, choosing one that speaks to you, and write your local MP for the implementation of the final report.

[https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Calls\\_for\\_Justice.pdf](https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Calls_for_Justice.pdf)

### **Resource kit of activities for children and families**

Celebrate, learn, and honour Indigenous People's History Month at home with your family.

<https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1315444613519/1534942257655>

### **Reclaiming Power and Place**

Click below to access the final report of the Nation Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Queer peoples.

[https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/final-report/?fbclid=IwAR1NOCNYZO2rZ5x6t6PsuuztJlISj5jfSk-pJDX\\_MS9bXSpAHB5d-aUt2lw](https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/final-report/?fbclid=IwAR1NOCNYZO2rZ5x6t6PsuuztJlISj5jfSk-pJDX_MS9bXSpAHB5d-aUt2lw)

### **National Indigenous Day of Prayer- Anglican Church of Canada**

Check out this resource page, featuring prayers and liturgical readings for community observation of National Indigenous Day of Prayer.

<https://www.anglican.ca/im/nidp/>

### **Indigenous Day of Prayer- United Church of Canada**

Check out the link below for an extensive liturgical resource portfolio, from the Seven Grandfather Teachings to a Covenant of Reconciliation.

<https://www.united-church.ca/worship-special-days/indigenous-day-prayer>

## **Consider Making a Financial Donation or Organizing a Fundraiser for an Indigenous Initiative**

### **The Woodland Cultural Centre, Former Anglican-run Mohawk Institute Residential School**

<https://woodlandculturalcentre.ca/donate/>

“Your contribution to the Woodland Cultural Centre would ensure that we can continue to deliver the highest quality programs centered on a Hodinohsho:ni worldview, celebrating, and sharing Indigenous culture, language, and art. The Woodland Cultural Centre offers educational programs and resources to schools, school boards, universities and colleges, community organizations and our public audience. We need your donations to support the development and delivery of educational programs related to our cultures, language, stories, and the impacts of the residential school system.”

### **Toronto Urban Native Ministry**

Sustain the life and work of Toronto Urban Native Ministry, make a one time donation or consider becoming a monthly donor here:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/52915>

The Toronto Urban Native Ministry (TUNM) is unique in Ontario. Working out of our office at Church of the Holy Trinity in downtown Toronto and in the community, we support both Traditional Indigenous Spiritualities and world-views as well as Christian Spiritual practices, showing that they can walk together in harmony. Founded in 1996, TUNM interacts with more than 8,000 lives each year. We reach out to Indigenous people on the street, in hospitals, in jails, shelters and hostels, providing counseling, Ceremony,



spiritual care and referrals to community services. We are always looking for financial and physical donations for Toronto Urban Native Ministry's life saving and life sustaining work of emergency relief. Please consider donation to the work of TUNM through our Canada Helps link below.

Any in person donations of new and clean summer clothing, shoes, and survival supplies for all genders can be brought Monday to Friday to church of the Holy Trinity or our offices, 6 Trinity square, 10am-3pm (Please email lkern@toronto.anglican.ca to coordinate)

### **The Regis4Ever Foundation**

Regis Korchinski was a Black and Indigenous woman who died tragically after Toronto police responded to a wellness check. Her family has been tirelessly organizing for change and justice along with other families who have lost their children to policing, including the families of Eisha Hudson and Chantel Moore. Through the Regis4Ever Foundation they provide a wellspring of support in their community. "This site is dedicated to Regis Korchinski who died May 27 2020. In the hopes that this never happens again, the family of Regis has started the Regis 4 Ever Foundation in her memory. With your help and generosity, we can honour Regis' memory and make sure that what happened to Regis doesn't happen to anyone else."

<https://www.regis4everfoundation.com/>

### **Toronto Indigenous Harm Reduction**

"Toronto Indigenous Harm Reduction is a response to the pandemic of ongoing colonization and lack of services for the urban Indigenous population. TIHR has been on the frontlines of encampment support and the devastating overdose crisis that is currently taking place across Turtle Island. We are a grassroots initiative that works to provide traditional meals and supplies that are needed." Support Indigenous led outreach to those in need in the GTA by donating to TIHR!

<https://www.torontoindigenoushr.com/>

### **TransPride Toronto**

Support this Two-Spirit and Indigenous led collective, that supports trans people living in the GTA through life saving and life sustaining supports.

<https://transpridetoronto.com/donate/>

### **The Anglican Healing Fund**

This resource provides funding for Indigenous led organizations in the work of cultural and community revival, healing the wounds of Indian Residential Schools.

<https://www.anglican.ca/resources/anglican-healing-fund/>

### **Native Arts Society**

The Native Arts Society is a Two-Spirit and trans led art gallery and studio space for Indigenous artists living in Toronto. "We are so excited to be able to provide a platform for Indigenous art that is rarely seen or uplifted, including Art from the street community, those who are incarcerated, and more modern forms of Inuit art. To date there is an appalling lack of Indigenous-owned galleries in Toronto, with the majority of galleries carrying invaluable First Nations, Metis and Inuit art being non-native owned. Indigenous people's deserve self-determination in the Arts as we do in any other venue."

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/nativeartssociety?fbclid=IwAR33mvIfDpX-TKB20tTDqGvzDc-m3F89HDYoyzLrzBDLOMoTCCdr-IRRvrk>