

# National Indigenous Peoples Day & Upcoming Events 2025

Right Relations Ministries, Anglican Diocese of Toronto

Please promote and encourage your communities and parish to join these events and honour Indigenous Peoples Day and communities this summer.

*The Indian Residential School Crisis Line is available 24-hours a day for everyone experiencing pain or distress as a result of Residential School experience.  
Support is available at 1-866-925-4419*

## **The Seven Grandfather Teachings Exhibit**

Orillia Recreation Centre, 255 West Street S., throughout the month of May

<https://www.orilliamuseum.org/project/the-seven-grandfather-teachings/>

This show highlights works by six Indigenous artists, exploring the profound wisdom of the Seven Grandfather Teachings.

## **ReconciliAction Symposium**

Church of the Redeemer, Saturday May 24th 12pm

<https://theredeemer.ca/reconciliaction-symposium/>

Hosted by the Indigenous Solidarity Working Group



It's been ten years since the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada and their 94 Calls to Action. Little progress has been made. What is the wider commitment to change across Canada? Where do we go from here? Join us on Saturday, May 24 at 12 PM for an afternoon of engaging presentations and discussion with three prominent leaders from the First Nations' community, Douglas Sanderson, Douglas Sinclair, and the Venerable Rosalyn Kantlaht'ant Elm.

## **Imagine Native Film Festival**

<https://imaginenative.org/>



The 25th imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival will take place June 3-8, 2025 (Toronto) and June 9-15, 2025 (online). Celebrating its milestone 25th anniversary, the imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival is permanently moving its fall festival to June just in time for Indigenous Peoples' Month.

## **Harbourfront Centre Indigenous Celebration 2025**

Saturday June 7th, 11am-4pm

Harbourfront Centre, 235 Queens Quay West, Toronto

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/indigenous-celebration-2025-tickets-1313012468639>

Join the Ontario Science Centre team and our Indigenous partners at Harbourfront Centre for a free, family-friendly event on Saturday, June 7. Explore Indigenous ways of knowing through interactive workshops, performances and activities. Connect with members of the Indigenous community to learn about and celebrate their heritage.

## **Honouring the Children and Upholding Sacred Obligations**

June 10, 2025 7:00 PM EST Toronto

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84318625459>

Meeting ID: 843 1862 5459

The Bishop's Collaborative for Right Relations invites you to join us on Tuesday June 10th over zoom, to learn about the search for missing and disappeared children and unmarked burial sites associated with Residential Schools, pray, and take action. This event will highlight the work of the Special Interlocutor on Missing Indigenous Children and the national gatherings and work across the country they have done. We will learn, pray, and act in honour of Calls to Action #71-76. Please visit <https://osi-bis.ca/> to learn more, read their reports, engage their resources, combat residential school denialism, and commit to a future where all Indigenous children are honoured. Email [lkern@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:lkern@toronto.anglican.ca) for more information.

## **Silent No More- virtual public film screening of the Mohawk Institute Indian Residential School**

Woodland Cultural Centre, June 18th 6pm, <https://woodlandculturalcentre.ca/upcoming-events/>

The former Mohawk Institute Residential School (Mush Hole) was the longest operating residential school in Canada. A building created to destroy Indigenous identity and heritage is now the home of the Woodland Cultural Centre, a site dedicated to the revitalization of Hodinohsho:ni cultures and languages. This Film is rated PG-13, parents strongly cautioned. Some material may not be suited for children under age 13 (verbal descriptions of violence and sexual assault towards children).

## **Snell Lecture- the Most Reverend Chris Harper**

Sunday June 22nd 2025, The Cathedral Church of St. James, 106 King St. East, Toronto

4:30pm Eucharist in St. James Cathedral

5:30-6pm Reception in the Cathedral

6-7pm Snell Lecture

Archbishop Christopher A. Harper was installed on May 29, 2023, as the second National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop and Presiding Elder of Sacred Circle. Archbishop Harper previously served as the 13th Diocesan Bishop of Saskatoon,

elected on November 17, 2018. He was born in Saskatchewan and is originally from Onion Lake Cree Nation.

No registration required. For more information: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/snell-lecture-st-james-cathedral-toronto-with-the-most-rev-chris-harper-tickets-1345239089329>

### **Na-Me-Res Pow Wow and Arts Festival**

<https://www.nameres.org/2025-pow-wow/>

June 20th and 21st

Fort York National Historic Site, 250 Fort York Boulevard, Toronto, Ontario

Grand Entry is June 21st at noon

### **National Indigenous Peoples Day and Sunrise Ceremony**

<https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-events/indigenous-events-awards/indigenous-peoples-day/>

City Hall, Bay and Queen St., Toronto June 21st

Every year, the City of Toronto marks this day with a sunrise ceremony, where all are invited to come together to offer thoughts and prayers to the Creator and give thanks for all of creation and Mino Baamodziwin (The Good Life). The ceremony is held around a Sacred Fire and consists of many ceremonial elements that hold cultural significance for Indigenous Peoples, such as strawberries, water and the use of sage for cleansing.

### **Summer Star Stories with Jim Adams**

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/indigenous-storytelling-summer-star-stories-with-jim-adams-tickets-1337759688239?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Monday June 23rd, 6-7pm, Toronto Public Library, 496 Birchmount Road Scarborough

Indigenous summer star stories often feature constellations like the Big Dipper, seen as a bear or fisher, and the Little Bear with tales of brave animals, celestial journeys, and the importance of respecting the natural world. This program will feature Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabek, Ojibwe, and Cree star stories about each of the animals found in the star paintings shared. Each participant will also receive copies of the star charts that they can colour or keep as a reference tool.

### **Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Annual Powow**

<https://www.scugogfirstnation.com/public/pow-wow>

Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Powwow Grounds,  
22521 Island Rd, Port Perry, ON

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The Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) Powwow is an annual gathering and celebration of Indigenous culture that takes place on Scugog Island, Port Perry Ontario. The powwow features a variety of traditional ceremonies, dances, and songs, and it is an opportunity for Indigenous people to come together to celebrate life, honour people past and present, and share part of our culture with others from across North America. The MSIFN Powwow is a significant event in the community, and we invite you to join us!

The Powwow is open to everyone, and while anyone is welcome to attend, it's important to remember that Powwows are celebrations of Indigenous culture and traditions. Visitors are reminded to treat them with respect and understanding. We encourage you to visit our [Powwow etiquette section](#) to learn more.

## **Rama First Nation Powwow**

August 24th and 25th

John Snake Memorial Grounds, 630 Rama Road, Rama, ON

Sunrise Ceremony: Saturday at 6:00AM

Grand Entry: Saturday at 1:00PM/7:00PM, Sunday at 12:00PM

All are welcome to join Rama First Nation's 40th annual Powwow! Admission is \$10 a day or \$15 for the weekend. The Powwow is free for children under the age of 6, over 60, and veterans.

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