

September 2025

Events for Truth & Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day

VIRTUAL

Book a **virtual workshop** for your congregation with the Woodland Cultural Centre, the site of the former Mohawk Institute, and Anglican-run Industrial Residential School. Workshops available include a **virtual tour of the Mohawk Institute Residential School**, Truth and Reconciliation Presentation, Traditional Hodinohsho:ni Games, Land Claims, Our Sustenance (on Hodinohsho:ni traditional farming practices), Hodinohsho:ni Governance, and more. <https://woodlandculturalcentre.ca/experience-woodland/>

PETERBOROUGH

Tuesday September 30th, 2025

Trent University Campus

Sunrise Ceremony, Mnidoowag A'Kiing Traditional Area

9:30am **Ceremony** and Moment of Silence

Noon Three Sisters Breakfast

<https://www.trentu.ca/truthandreconciliationday>

TORONTO

Pwaaganigaawin/Pow Wow at Toronto Metropolitan University

Friday, September 12, 2025

Honouring Mother Earth, Mnaadenmin Shkagamik-kwe, Teyethinonwerá:ton

Yonkhi'nihsténha Onhwéntsya

For more information contact tmupowwow@torontomu.ca

Indigenous Legacy Gathering

Council Fire, led by Survivors and Intergenerational Survivors

Monday September 29th and Tuesday September 30th, Nathan Phillips Square

Free and open to the public

Join us for the Annual Indigenous Legacy Gathering, a vibrant celebration of Indigenous culture, community, and intergenerational connection, held at Nathan Phillips Square. Experience a day filled with traditional drumming, dancing, and teachings, as well as live performances and ceremonies that honour our shared

histories and futures. Explore artisan booths, community services, and cultural organizations showcasing their work and stories.
<https://www.councilfire.ca/indigenous-legacy-gathering-september-29-and-30-2025/>

The Journals of Knud Rasmussen, film screening

September 30th, 7pm-9pm Wycliffe College Reading Room, 5 Hoskin Ave.
All are welcome to join Wycliffe College for a screening of Inuit filmmaker Zacharias Kunuk, in an unforgettable film exploring the interaction between traditional Inuit shamanistic beliefs and Christianity.

Ziibiing Garden Tour, Thursday October 2nd 1pm

All are welcome to join Wycliffe College chaplaincy touring the University of Toronto Indigenous Garden, Ziibiing, on Thursday October 2nd at 1pm. Email Chris Dow for more information chris.dow@wycliffe.utoronto.ca

OSHAWA

Sugarcane: Film Screening for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day
Wednesday October 1st, 6pm

50 King St. East, Oshawa by Regent Theatre, free and open to the public
Join us on Truth and Reconciliation Day and Orange Shirt Day for a screening of the film SUGARCANE (2024), the debut documentary from Julian Brave NoiseCat and Emily Kassie. The film follows the Williams Lake First Nation's community-led investigation of the Saint Joseph Indian residential school in British Columbia. Many Indigenous children experienced abuse and went missing from the school, which was run by the Catholic Church in Canada from 1891 and 1981. The film offers a compelling portrait of the community at nearby Sugarcane Reserve after the discovery of unmarked graves on the grounds of the school in 2021. As the community learns more about the past and reckons with its ongoing legacy, the film pays tribute to their resilience and ways of life. The event will include an introduction of the documentary by Julian Brave NoiseCat, a screening of the film, concluding with a sharing circle with the audience.

https://tickets.regenttheatre.ca/eventperformances.asp?evt=1168&fbclid=IwY2xjawMnzOBleHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETFBSXUzQlIHWEhHcVQwUndOAR55HXUXV3PAoAjZ9Vr9GEevBuH_RHfjvB2xXOHZxHxddwoEkdIJW5FOMOUygWQ_aem_hORWWW0KA6vIqfWdVGzZUw

BARRIE

Tuesday, September 30, 2025, 6:30am–1:00pm
25 Simcoe St., Barrie

On the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, this Sacred Fire and Sunrise Ceremony hosted by the [Barrie Native Friendship Centre \(BNFC\)](#) and [Mamaway Wiidokdaadwin Primary Care Team](#) will honour all who have been impacted by residential schools. All are welcome to reflect, offer a prayer, share stories, learn and heal together as a community.

- **Sunrise Ceremony** at 6:30am
- **Sacred Fire** until 1pm
- Information booths
- **Guest Speakers** all morning (9am–12pm)
- **Memorial Walk**, 12pm–1pm: Starting at the Spirit Catcher we will walk along the water's edge to Centennial Beach and back to the Spirit Catcher.

Please wear orange if you can, feel free to bring your skirts and hand drums. No registration required. All activities are open to the community, and everyone is welcome. <https://www.barrie.ca/community-recreation-environment/community-events/sacred-fire-sunrise-ceremony-national-day-truth-and-reconciliation>

EAST GWILLIMBURY

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day Ceremony

Tuesday September 30th, 18974 Leslie St., Sharon Ontario

Sharon Museum and Gardens, 4pm

Visit the East Gwillimbury website to learn about events honouring Orange Shirt Day from September 23rd to September 30th. Free events are held to honour Survivors and those who never returned home from Residential School throughout the week, including a traditional ceremony, an exhibit, a 'reconciliation trail' journey, and more.

<https://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/en/government/national-day-for-truth-and-reconciliation.aspx#NDTR-and-Orange-Shirt-Day-Reconciliation-Community-Event-September-30-2025->

AURORA

September 27, 12:00 – 2:00 PM, Aurora Cultural Centre, 50 Victoria St.

<https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/national-day-for-truth-and-reconciliation-2025/>

Reflecting upon the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Mohawk-Ojibwe artist Sharon Rigby shares the stories of Indigenous individuals impacted by the residential school system and the Sixties scoop through a series of hand-crafted ribbon skirts. The **exhibition** begins in Lower Hall Gallery and extends to multiple sites across Aurora Town Square.

Live Music with Red N Blue – September 27, 2:00 – 3:30 PM

Red N Blue is, Jeff Monague from the Beausoleil First Nation on Christian Island; Heather McIntyre who resides in Collingwood and has roots in Georgina Island First Nation; Michael Martyn is a settler who hails from Peterborough but now resides in Orillia. Their original music tells the story of the land and the First People to walk upon it.

BRANTFORD

<https://woodlandculturalcentre.ca/upcoming-events/>

Staff of the **Woodland Cultural Centre** are honoured to announce that the former Mohawk Institute Residential School will be officially unveiled as an Interpretive Historic Site and Educational Resource on September 30, 2025, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Join us for a full day of meaningful commemorations, self-guided tours, community activities, and special programming.

The poster features a decorative orange and white scalloped border at the top. The main title "National Day For TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION" is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, the subtitle "Official Unveiling of the Former Mohawk Institute Residential School as an Interpreted Historic Site" is in a smaller, italicized font. The date "September 30, 2025" is prominently displayed in large black text. The time and location "10am - 6pm | Woodland Cultural Centre 184 Mohawk Street, Brantford ON N3S 2X2" are listed below. Two columns of bullet points describe the activities: "Opening Ceremony; Self-Guided Tours; TRC Activities;" and "Food & Drink; Film Screenings; Social Dances." A "Timed Ticket Admission!" banner is placed above a QR code. The Woodland Cultural Centre logo, featuring a stylized figure and the number 50, is on the left. The bottom of the poster shows a photograph of the Woodland Cultural Centre building, a large brick structure with a central white portico and a blue cupola.

National Day For TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

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