

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30th is the first annual National Day for Truth & Reconciliation. On this day we take time to reflect on the tragic history and ongoing legacy of residential and day schools.

Indian residential and day schools were government funded schools where approximately 150 000 First Nations, Inuit, and Métis children were sent between the 1860s and the 1990s, with the last school closing in 1996. Residential Schools forcibly removed Indigenous children from their families, language, and culture. This impact is recognized as cultural genocide and the impact and legacy of residential and day schools continues today.

As settlers and non-Indigenous people living on this land, we take this time to sit with the discomfort of Canada's actions and acknowledge that we all have responsibilities in working towards reconciliation. We encourage you to use this day as opportunity to educate yourself by proactively seeking out educational resources and be an active participant in your own education. For more resources and information, please follow our conversation on twitter @ccna_18.

What can you do to support Truth and Reconciliation?



(Re)educate yourself on the historical and ongoing impacts of colonization in Canada



Learn and acknowledge the land and treaty you are situated in, and what that means to you



Prioritize and amplify Indigenous voices and perspectives



Attend an Indigenous-led virtual event to learn more about Truth & Reconciliation



Purchase and wear an Orange Shirt from an Indigenous organization



Read books by Indigenous authors about residential and day schools and their legacy



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