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# NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

September 30th, 2022

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is a day that honours the children who never returned home from residential schools, the Survivors, their families, and communities. This day serves as a day of remembrance, reflection, and an opportunity for action, to listen, and to learn. This is also a day filled with grief. Immediate support is available for those affected by their experience.

The National Indian Residential School Crisis Line provides 24-hour crisis support to former Indian Residential School students and their families toll-free at: 1-866-925-4419.

First Nations, Inuit, and Métis seeking immediate emotional support can contact the Hope for Wellness Help Line toll-free at 1-855-242-3310, or by online chat at [hopeforwellness.ca](https://www.hopeforwellness.ca).

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The work of reconciliation is urgent and ongoing. There cannot be any form of meaningful reconciliation without the truth. All Canadians must educate themselves about the painful history and current realities Indigenous people face in our country as a result of the impacts of colonialism. We are all obligated to understand the history and legacy of colonization, as well gain an appreciation of the cultures, knowledge systems, oral histories, languages, and protocols of Indigenous peoples in Canada.

Museums are uniquely positioned to raise public awareness of Indigenous rights, history, and values through the dissemination of knowledge in our exhibitions and programming. [\*\*The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action\*\*](#) calls upon us to work together, with courage, determination, and mutual respect, so that we can foster new relationships and envision a more just and equitable future. This requires that the relationships pursued today engage Indigenous perspectives and priorities meaningfully and with consent.

MAS continues to prioritize efforts to educate and confront the museum's role in the oppression, exclusion, and anti-Indigenous racism prevalent in our pasts. We must recognize these violations as shared history. MAS is committed to moving forward in our journey of reconciliation by listening, seeking to understand, and informing ourselves.

As part of our commitment to decolonization and reconciliation, and to recognize this important date, MAS will be closed on September 30 to focus on learning. We ask that you spend this day in reflection and to engage in acts of reconciliation through education and participation in community events.

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Educate yourself on the [\*\*The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action\*\*](#) and [\*\*United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples\*\*](#)

Read about the origins of [\*\*Orange Shirt Day\*\*](#) and share this information with your family and friends

Discover pieces of history and experiences of residential school Survivors. Inspired by a woven blanket, [\*\*The Witness Blanket\*\*](#) is a large-scale work of art. Here, you can explore the items and stories carried accompanied by the voices of Survivors who talk about the experience of being forced into residential schools.

View some relevant materials and resources:

- [\*\*21 Things You May Not Have Known About The Indian Act \(ictinc.ca\)\*\*](#)
- [\*\*A National Crime: Canada's History - Written by Miles Morrisseau\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Gakina Gidagwi'igoomin Anishinaabewiyang: We Are All Treaty People - Canada's History - Written by Karine Duhamel\*\*](#)

Educational Opportunities:

- [\*\*4 Seasons of Reconciliation - Indigenous Continuing Education Centre\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Indigenous Canada Course\*\*](#)

Reflect.