

Right Relations Resource

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Our Purpose

The Hillhurst Right Relations Circle is a dynamic group of people who are actively striving to live out the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, and build respectful relationships with Aboriginal peoples. Our group is diverse in exposure, understanding and learning about what right relations can be and as we learn together, our activities unfold. This newsletter is to keep everyone updated on upcoming activities, events and meetings of interest in the area of right relations. It is a networking process from which we all benefit. We are finding more and more Indigenous cultural projects, events, ceremonies, plays films, and speakers to inform our email list. It is what we are called to do and be.



Reconciliation Through Indigenous Education Free Online Course - UBC

Engage with Indigenous knowledge keepers, educational leaders, and resources to enhance your understanding and knowledge of practices that advance reconciliation in the places where you live, learn, and work. This is 6-week course, and registration is still open.

Date: January 24 – March 7, 2017

Register By: February 21, 2017

Contacts: Professional Development & Community Engagement - 604.822.2013

pro-d.educ@ubc.ca

For More Information:

http://pdce.educ.ubc.ca/MOOC/?utm_source=edxinvite&utm_campaign=MOOC_participants&utm_medium=email

Save the Date!

Feast for the
Common Good

Friday, February 3
& Saturday,
February 4, 2017

UNDRIP Calgary
Community
Engagement

February 16, 2017
Enfolded in the
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Cree Grandmothers'
Tea Ceremony
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Right Relations
Gathering
February 22, 2017

UNDRIP Calgary Community Engagement Session – February 16, 2017



The Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association (ANFCA) and the Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women (IAAW) are hosting a community engagement session regarding the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) to:

- Review UNDRIP in more detail
- Talk about what we are already doing to support the UNDRIP
- Identify our fellow urban Indigenous organizations that are interested in working together to address the Alberta government's "Implementing the Principles and Objectives of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples"
- Look at proposals for discussion with Indigenous communities that directly relate to the urban Indigenous populations

We also invite you to come prepared to share your programs and services as they pertain the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People and support the urban Indigenous community.

Session's Draft Agenda and Guidelines:

- Opening prayer; opening remarks; roundtable introductions
- Bit of history about how ANFCA and IAAW on UNDRIP work with the Alberta Government
- Alberta Government presentation/information of what they are doing as it pertains to their UNDRIP proposals
- Activity – Match your organization and/or programs to the UNDRIP recommendations
- Health Break / Willie Littlechild video (15 mins)
- Discussion on identified priorities, Action tables development; what organizations would be interested in working on what initiatives and what would first steps be to get started on the initiatives (we can determine if there are groups of organizations who are interested in particular priorities and have them gather in smaller groups to start an action plan to identify next steps to propose to the Alberta Government) (majority of focus)
- Last remarks / Closing Circle

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2017

Location: Aboriginal Friendship Center of Calgary
#101, 427 – 51 Avenue SE

Time: 1 – 4 pm





Enfolded in the Creator – February 19, 2017

Join the Right Relations Circle as we participate in A KAIROS Blanket Exercise Worship Service at Hillhurst United Church.

This service will allow you to participate in an adapted form of a popular education tool called the Blanket Exercise. KAIROS has been using this tool since 1997 (which has been continually edited and updated) to increase understanding of the history of the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. It invites a whole group of people to put themselves in the place of Indigenous peoples.

While this is an active exercise involving movement, it has been adjusted for the context of a worship service with a seated congregation.

Date: February 19, 2017

Time: 9:05 am or 10:45 am

Location: Hillhurst United Church, 1227 Kensington Close N.W.

For More Information: contact right.relations@hillhurstunited.com



Right Relations Gathering of United Church Folk – February 22, 2017

**** (please note change of date) ****



You are invited to a gathering concerning 'RIGHT RELATIONS' at Hillhurst United Church.

FOR: All interested United Church folk, KAIROS members, folks offering or interested in offering the KAIROS Blanket exercise, all interested in furthering our work in right relations.

PURPOSE OF THE GATHERING: Most importantly - to get to know one another - and to share ideas, resources and plans for moving forward with the TRC Calls to Action in the Calgary area.

WHERE: Hillhurst United Church, Heritage room, 1227 Kensington Close NW. **TIME:** 10 am – 12 pm.

Please RSVP to Sandra Hayes-Gardiner at Sandrahg@shaw.ca or phone 587.999.2179.

Cree Grandmothers' Tea Ceremony – February 21, 2017



The Native Centre invites you to honour our ancestors and the women in our lives! Celebrate our strength as women and our important roles in our community with a traditional Cree Tea Ceremony involving song, drumming and prayer. Please join us at 12:00 noon in the Red Lodge MSC 392 here at The Native Centre. Bring or wear a long skirt, a blanket, and perhaps a cushion to sit on the floor. Facilitated by Kerrie Moore at The Native Centre.

Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 - 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Location: Red Lodge MSC 392, Native Centre, University of Calgary

For more information and to RSVP, please call The Native Centre (403) 220-603.

Planting Peace May 6 – 19, 2017

Planting Peace 2017 - May 6-19: Planting Peace is a 2 week cross-cultural peace learning opportunity for 10 local and 10 international young adults ages 18-25ish). Participants will share stories from their context, explore peace and justice issues in Alberta, and learn practical skills for peace building. This year we will also focus on truth and reconciliation with Alberta's Indigenous peoples. We are planning to visit Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump, Spotted Elk Cultural Center (Tsuu T'ina), and Blue Quills College. **Application deadline is Feb 27, 2017.**



Planting Peace participants have the opportunity to:

- Learn from the stories of participants from around the world
- Strengthen leadership skills to promote peace in home communities
- Engage in field trips across Alberta to explore issues of justice and peace
- Gain new friendships!
- Participate in a cross-cultural, inter-faith experience right here in Canada.

Location: Based in Calgary with trips to Northern and Southern Alberta. Lodging at Camp Valaqua, and FCJ Center in Calgary.

Cost: \$400 (accommodation, food & transportation)

For More Information: <https://mcccanada.ca/learn/more/planting-peace>

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