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Indigenous Pathways Newsletter



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### Indigenous Pathways 2021-2022 Areas of Focus:

- Encourage school staff and students to demonstrate knowledge and respect for diverse cultures.
- Build awareness/understanding around traditional territories and how they can be learned about and acknowledged appropriately.

### National Indigenous History Month - June 2022

- "It is a time for all Canadians to reflect on the unique histories, sacrifices, cultures, contributions, and strengths of our First Nations, Inuit, and Metis Peoples - because only by understanding our past can we hope to create a brighter future."
- The Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion has a variety of resources educators can draw upon to weave Indigenous Foundational Knowledge throughout the month of June and beyond into year-long planning. [CCDI Website](#)
- On June 21, *The Future Forward Fireside Chat* with Kelly Lendsay, President & CEO of Indigenous Works, will be held online. Registration Link: [Fireside Chat](#)

### National Indigenous Peoples Day 2022

- Tuesday, June 21, is National Indigenous Peoples Day in Canada. The *National Today* website shares a timeline explaining how the day originated as well as ideas to for celebrating the day: [National Today](#)
- The Banff Centre for Fine Arts is offering a free, online National Indigenous Peoples Day: Powwow Dance Class on June 21 at noon! This free workshop will be hosted by Nyla Carpentier and is open to registration for people of all ages, cultural backgrounds, and various experience levels. Register now to secure a spot: [Powwow Dance Class](#)



## The Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund Presents!

- The Downie & Wenjack Fund presents four virtual events in celebration of the diversity of Indigenous Peoples across Canada! The themes of this year's events are honour, commitment, and reflection.
- Throughout June, there will be free featured programming with Indigenous Elders, Knowledge Keepers, artists, and allies from Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, and New Brunswick, that will conclude with a special Canada-wide episode.
- All peoples in Canada, from coast to coast to coast, are invited to tune into the events:  
**[Downie & Wenjack Events](#)**

## Patron of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society

- Her Excellency, the Right Honourable Mary Simon, has been named Patron of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society. Chief Perry Bellegarde stated in the press release: "Reconciliation can mean transforming longstanding institutions in Canada. That means having First Nations, Inuit and Metis people in leadership roles where we can engage Canadians in our traditional worldviews." For the complete press release, visit: **[RCGS](#)**

## History, Language, Culture - Metis Nation of Alberta Resources

- Journey through the significant milestones and dates that make up Alberta and Canada's unique Métis history: **[Timeline](#)**
- Canada began offering scrip to the Métis residing in the Northwest Territories, including present-day Alberta. Scrip was meant to address Métis claims to land and was a certificate that could be traded for land or money to purchase land. **[Metis Scrip in Alberta](#)**
- Michif is the language spoken by the Métis, who are the descendants of French fur traders and First Nations women. **[Michif Lessons with Sky Blue Morin](#)**



## Classroom & School Resources

- Alberta teacher and speaker, Etienna Moostoos-Lafferty, created a guide to Indigenous Peoples Day that includes numerous links and ideas: **[Roots & Raine](#)**
- Indigenous Education Portal: **[20 Tools for Educators curated by Historica Canada](#)**
- Powwow 101! Check out this Alberta Mentorship Partnership resource to learn Powwow basics: **[Powwow 101 Guide](#)**
- CBC Kids online resource: **[Do you know what a powwow is?](#)**
- CBC Kids online resource: **[Do you know what regalia is?](#)**
- Experience the Power of the Pow Wow! **[Destination Indigenous - Pow Wow Finder](#)**

## Professional Development Opportunities

- *Indigenous Inclusion Thought Leadership Series Webinar: Indigenous Reconciliation & Developing your Action Plan* **[Registration](#)**
- *Indigenous Canada* is a 12-lesson Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) from the Faculty of Native Studies at the University of Alberta that explores the different histories and contemporary perspectives of Indigenous peoples living in Canada: **[Indigenous Canada](#)**
- The University of Alberta *Indigenous Peoples and Technoscience* course introduces students to the intricate connections between science and technology fields, broader dynamics of colonialism, and increasing demands for Indigenous governance of science and technology. **[Indigenous Peoples & Technoscience Course](#)**
- *Certificate in Aboriginal Sport and Recreation* from the University of Alberta - the program will produce the next generation of leaders in Aboriginal sport and recreation by providing students with a flexible and innovative environment that emphasizes academic excellence and experiential learning. **[Certificate in Aboriginal Sport and Recreation](#)**



## Links to Guide Professional Practice

### ALBERTA & CANADIAN RESOURCE LINKS

- Teaching Quality Standard
- Leadership Quality Standard
- Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action - English
- Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action - French
- Teacher Guide - Beyond 94 Truth and Reconciliation in Canada
- Acknowledging Land & People
- Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium (ERLC) Summer Curriculum Institute 2022: A Gathering of Collaborators to Remix the Conversation About Implementation.

### GYPSD RESOURCE LINKS

- GYPSD Board Approved Land Acknowledgement, Administrative Procedure 204
- Indigenous Family & Student Resources

*"We need to never give up on the future of our country."*

*Her Excellency the Right Honourable  
Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada*

