

2026 Program

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Time	Event	Location
Day 1 - March 2nd		
11:00 am - 6:00 pm	Registration Open	Foyer, 2nd Floor
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Pre-Gathering Workshop Accessing Funding for Survivors, Residential School and Day Scholars, and Their Descendants	Room 2EF
2:15 pm - 3:45 pm	Pre-Gathering Workshop The Sixties Scoop, Reconciliation & Indigenous Child Welfare	Room 2EF
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Field Trips - The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation - Canadian Museum for Human Rights Shuttle buses will pick up participants at the Main Entrance, located on York Avenue.	Off Site
6:00 pm - 8:45 pm	Opening Reception & Keynote Speaker: Dr. Wilton Littlechild	Rooms 1 & 2

Ten Years Since the TRC's 94 Calls to Action



June 2025 marks a decade since the Truth and Reconciliation Commission presented the 94 Calls to Action, setting a foundation for reconciliation between Canadians and Indigenous Peoples. IHGG will serve as an essential space to reflect on the progress made since June 2015, and provide an invaluable opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue, explore our shared histories, and commit to building a better future rooted in respect, understanding, and reconciliation.



Time	Event	Location
Day 2 - March 3rd		
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast	Rooms 3-10
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Registration Open	Foyer, 2nd Floor
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Opening Remarks Claudette Commanda, <i>CEO, FNCCEC</i> Stephanie Scott, <i>Executive Director, NCTR, AVPIR/UM</i>	Rooms 1 & 2
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Exhibits Open	Rooms 3-10
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Survivor Panel: Reflections on 10 Years Since the TRC Survivors: Dr. Leavina Brown, Dr. Antoine Mountain, Elder Brian Normand, Elder Keith Chiefmoon Moderated by: Sophia Smoke, <i>Dakota Culture and Language Advocate</i>	Rooms 1 & 2
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Break – Visit Exhibitors	Rooms 3-10
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions	
	Plenary 2Spirit/Indigenous LGBTQI+ Perspectives on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action 10 Years Later Dr. Albert McLeod, <i>Director, 2Spirit Consultants of Manitoba</i> Sunday Queskepow, <i>Two-Spirit Nêhinawak & Métis – Advocate for Northern 2SLGBTQIA+ and Indigenous peoples</i> Sommer Bousquet (Moderator & Panelist), <i>Projects Manager, 2Spirit Manitoba Inc.</i>	Rooms 1 & 2
	Bringing Our Ancestors Home: The Respectful Rematriation and Repatriation Ceremony at the University of Manitoba Dr. Lara Rosenoff Gauvin, <i>Respectful Rematriation Repatriation Ceremony Co-Chair and Associate Professor, University of Manitoba</i> Norman Meade, <i>Elder-in-Residence, University of Manitoba</i> Karen Courchene, <i>Grandmother-in-residence, University of Manitoba</i> Lorena Sekwan Fontaine, <i>Associate Professor; Department Head (Indigenous Studies), University of Manitoba</i> Savannah Moon, <i>PhD Student and Committee Member, Respectful Rematriation and Repatriation</i>	Room 2EF
	A Decade of Change: Reflecting on the TRC Calls to Action and the Role of Media Cheryl McKenzie, <i>Executive Director of News and Current Affairs / Executive Management, APTN</i> Francine Compton, <i>Associate Director of the Indigenous Journalists Association</i> Melissa Rigden, <i>Network Managing Editor, Global News</i> Moderated by: Kim Sullivan, <i>Producer-Host Montréal, APTN</i>	Room 2GH

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Day 2 - March 3rd (cont'd)		
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch	Rooms 3-10
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Concurrent Sessions	
	TRC Calls to Action for Education: Intercultural Competency, Skills-Based Training, and Accountability Chastity Davis, <i>Principal, Chastity Davis Consulting</i> Moderated by: Jennifer David, <i>Senior Consultant and Lead, Truth & Reconciliation Service Basket at NVision Insight Group</i>	Rooms 1 & 2
	Data is Power: Indigenous Data Sovereignty in Action Skylee-Storm Hogan-Stacey, <i>Senior Research Officer, Critical Data Studies, First Nations, FNIGC</i> Dr. Stephanie Sinclair, <i>First Nations Health and Social Secretariat of Manitoba</i> Moderated by: Raymond Frogner, <i>Head of Archives/Senior Director of Research, NCTR</i>	Room 2EF
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Break – Visit Exhibitors	Rooms 3-10
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Keynote Session: Phyllis Webstad	Rooms 1 & 2
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Bingo Night & Fashion Show	Rooms 1 & 2

Time	Event	Location
Day 3 - March 4th		
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast	Rooms 3-10
8:00 am - 2:45 pm	Registration Open	Foyer, 2nd Floor
8:30 am - 8:45 am	Opening Remarks	Rooms 1 & 2
9:00 am - 4:30 pm	Exhibits Open	Rooms 3-10
8:45 am - 10:00 am	Plenary Reclaiming Tomorrow: Indigenous Youth on the Frontlines of Change Tréchelle Bunn, <i>Chief of Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation</i> Rowan Venedam, <i>Indigenous and Rural Outreach Coordinator, Wood Buffalo Pride</i> Braden Kadlun, <i>Inuk Author and Advocate</i> Moderated by: Diandre Thomas-Hart, <i>Indigenous Storyteller, Community Leader, and Co-Owner of BuffaloHyde Creative</i>	Rooms 1 & 2
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Break – Visit Exhibitors	Rooms 3-10

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Day 3 - March 4th (cont'd)		
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions	
	Returning Childhood: Intergenerational Survivors, Art Repatriation, and the Work We Carry Forward Survivors: Jim Wastasecoot, Clara Kirkness, Wendy Saunders Moderated by: Lorilee Wastasecoot, <i>Curator of Indigenous Art and Engagement, University Art Collection, University of Victoria Libraries</i>	Room 2EF
	Legacy of Strength: 50 Years of Indigenous Women+ Organizing Josie Nepinak, <i>President of NWAC</i> Melanie Omeniho, <i>President, Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak</i> Natalie Ittinuar, <i>Knowledge Translation Coordinator, Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada</i>	Rooms 1 & 2
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch	Rooms 3-10
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Plenary Anangong Miigaading Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope Patricia Ningewance, <i>Language Professor, Survivor</i> Maeengan Linklater, <i>Executive Director, Manitoba Association of Friendship Centres</i> Moderated by: Dr. Cary Miller, <i>Associate Professor, Department of Indigenous Studies, UofM</i>	Rooms 1 & 2
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Break – Visit Exhibitors	Rooms 3-10
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Keynote Session: Morris Shannacappo , <i>President, First Nations Confederacy of Cultural Education Centres</i>	Rooms 1 & 2
4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Closing Remarks	Rooms 1 & 2

