

WORKSHOPS

Called to Action Workshop

In this workshop participants will hear directly from an Indigenous Elder about their experiences with colonization and residential schools and they will experience Indigenous protocols and cultural activities. They will leave with an understanding of the TRC Calls to Action and UNDRIP, including Indigenous rights and anti-racism, as applied to their work settings. The workshop is designed to impact participants both intellectually and emotionally, leaving them with knowledge, skills and a desire to create change. An extended version of this workshop allows additional time for participants to explore specific examples of how they can apply their learning to their work. This workshop is designed to support participants to address TRC Call to Action #57, which requires training for all public servants.

Indigenous Elder and Knowledge Keeper's Circle

The Circle is an ancient tradition held in common by many Indigenous cultures, and this workshop will use circle practice to teach about key principles and practices to support respectful engagement with Indigenous people, such as land acknowledgements, correct terminology, personal introductions and more--the workshop can be tailored to the specific learning needs of the participants.

Indigenous Principles of Research and Learning

Indigenous traditions have unique philosophies of knowledge and learning, and any research undertaken with or about Indigenous people must be rooted in Indigenous research principles such as OCAP, which are explored through this hands-on workshop.

Implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

This workshop explores UNDRIP, what it means to Indigenous people, and how public servants can implement UNDRIP in their Ministry and areas of practice.

Anti-Racism and Indigenous Cultural Competency

This workshop explores the basic principles of anti-racism, including an understanding of systemic oppression, and helps participants identify concrete anti-racist actions and strategies they can enact in their personal and professional lives.

Decolonizing Practice with Indigenous Peoples

This workshop goes beyond Indigenous 101 and explores how individuals and systems can de-colonize their practice--it can be delivered as one-day workshop or multiple sessions over time to provide tailored supports to teams that are working to de-colonize their approaches.

Cultural appropriation: What is it - and how not do it

This workshop help participants understand the nuanced concept of cultural appropriation and learn how to work in a respectful way with Indigenous peoples. This is a useful workshop for any individual working with Indigenous peoples, including graphic designers who utilize Indigenous art or imagery as part of reports.

Indigenous Protocols and Engagement

If your team is engaging with Indigenous communities or building relationships with Indigenous partners, this workshop will help you understand how to engage in a culturally-appropriate way that respects Indigenous protocols, and will engage participants in working on scenarios and trouble-shooting challenges to engagement.

Indigenous Elder Advisory

One of the most powerful ways to decolonize your practice and improve relationships with Indigenous people is to work with an Indigenous Elder or Knowledge Keeper, and this workshop provides an opportunity to sit with an Elder and talk through specific challenges or brainstorm ideas to support positive relationships with Indigenous peoples.

Indigenizing Teaching and Learning

This course is directed to individuals who design or deliver learning, and will support participants to integrate Indigenous content and ways of learning into any course or subject matter, with opportunities to brainstorm approaches for specific workshops or learning delivery approaches.