

# Two-Spirited People of Manitoba Inc.

## OUR TWO-SPIRIT TEACHINGS:

**SPIRITUALITY:** Two-Spirit people are one of the conduits between the physical world and the spiritual world and can open doors to healing.

**BELONGING:** Two-Spirit people are worthy of love, respect and safety. Two-Spirit people carry the responsibility to give love, respect and safety to everyone.

**VISIONING:** Two-Spirit people see and acknowledge the impact of harmful colonial constructs and work to challenge them within the Two-Spirit community and beyond. The vision and voice of Two-Spirit people must be recognized and integrated into Indigenous leadership structures to ensure inclusive, equitable and fair access to resources and entitlements.

**TRANSFORMING:** Two-Spirit people promote non-discrimination and acceptance by dismantling harmful colonial concepts of gender and sexuality and advocate for contemporary approaches to non-discrimination.

**EQUALITY:** Two-Spirit people challenge race, gender, and sex-based privilege within the Two-Spirit collective and the broader community.

**STRENGTH:** Two-Spirit people are assets to their families and communities because of their role, purpose, gifts and abilities.

**SEXUALITY:** Two-Spirit people are sex-positive and believe that relationships, however they are constructed, are enhanced by the celebration of sex.

**ADVOCACY:** Two-Spirit people stand in solidarity with other equity-seeking groups and will assist or support these groups in their advocacy struggles, the civil and human rights of ourselves and others.

## YOU CAN SUPPORT US BY:

- Creating safer spaces, free of shame, violence, stereotypes, bullying, homophobia and transphobia
- Inviting us and welcoming us into events, traditional spaces and ceremonies
- Being open to learning about Two-Spirit experiences
- Respecting and honouring traditional Two-Spirit roles
- Challenging systems and institutions to address the unique needs of Two-Spirit people
- Advocating for our inclusion, our civil and human rights, and our indigenous rights
- Providing and increasing opportunities for us to share our gifts

Two-Spirited People of Manitoba Inc. is an organization that seeks to improve the quality of life of Two-Spirit (Indigenous lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) people.

## HARM REDUCTION

WE PROMOTE PROMISING PRACTICES THAT CAN REDUCE HARM AND IMPROVE HEALTH AND WELLBEING IN OUR COMMUNITY

## LAND

WE RECOGNIZE OUR HISTORICAL FIRST NATIONS, INUIT, AND METIS RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR HOME-FIRES AND THE TRADITIONAL LANDS AND TERRITORIES OF OUR ANCESTORS

WE ADVOCATE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE LAND, USE OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PRACTICES, AND RESTORATION AND RECLAMATION OF LAND BASED RESOURCES

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