

Decolonization Learning Journey

A four-part Learning Journey with Mi'kmaw Elders and knowledge sharers.



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Decolonization Learning Journey – Resource document
Series 2- Webinar #2, Sept 30, 2020

Hosting team:

- Elder Jane Meader, Elder, BACS & MEd
- Mary Beth Doucette, Assistant Professor and Purdy Crawford Chair in CBU's Shannon School of Business, Cape Breton University
- Nicole Cammaert, Associate Executive Director, CSCNS

Guest speaker:

Margaret Poulette and Rosie Sylliboy

Topic:

Residential Schools: One Person's Story of Survival

Highlights

Indian residential schools date back to the 1870's. Over 130 residential schools were located across Canada, and the last school closed in 1996.

During this era, more than 150,000 First Nations, Métis, and Inuit children were placed in these schools, often against their parents' wishes. Many were forbidden to speak their language and practice their own culture. It is estimated that more than 80,000 former students are living today. The ongoing impact of residential schools has been felt throughout generations.

Resources to learn more

Web resources:

- Truth and Reconciliation Commission: <http://www.trc.ca/about-us/residential-school.html>
- Indian Residential Schools: An Overview: http://www.trc.ca/assets/pdf/mroom_ResidentialSchoolsPamplet_en_dec11.2.pdf
- Stephen Harper apology: <https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1100100015644/1571589171655>
- Aboriginal Healing Foundation: <http://legacyofhope.ca/>
- Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development: Treaty Education Framework for Curriculum Development: <https://ssrce.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Complete-Treaty-Education-Framework-Oct-13-2017.pdf>
- Legacy of Hope website: <http://legacyofhope.ca/>

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Videos:

- Magit's Doll: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7KPksXk5ml>
- Richard Poulette's song "Forgiveness": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tru5xu4sTnA>
- He Can Fancy Dance - Cindy Paul: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Whg_DrisN18
- Stolen Children | Residential School survivors speak out:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdR9HcmiXLA>
- Crimes against children at residential school: The truth about St. Anne's - The Fifth Estate:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ep7AW2K4Xww>
- Chief Robert Joseph shares his experience as a residential school survivor and the importance of truth and reconciliation in Canada: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zuRQmwaREY>
- Ginger Gosnell-Myers, of Nisga'a and Kwakwaka'wakw heritage, is a policy expert, researcher, and activist whose work focuses on removing barriers between Indigenous peoples and all Canadians while fostering cooperation through open communication:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1EDbbse2BM>

Books:

Elementary

- *I Lost my Talk* by Rita Joe: <https://nimbus.ca/store/i-lost-my-talk.html>
- *Amik Loves School: Story of Wisdom* by Katherena Vermette <https://www.portageandmainpress.com/product/amik-loves-school/>
- *As Long as the Rivers Flow* by Larry Loyie: <https://houseofanansi.com/products/as-long-as-the-rivers-flow>
- *Not My Girl* by Christy Jordan-Fenton & Margaret Pokiak-Fenton:
<https://www.annickpress.com/Books/N/Not-My-Girl>
- *Shi-shi-etko* by Nicola I. Campbell:
https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1406507.Shi_shi_etko

Middle grade & Young adult books

- *A Stranger At Home: A True Story* by Christy Jordan-Fenton & Margaret-Olemaun Pokiak-Fenton:
<https://www.annickpress.com/Books/A/A-Stranger-At-Home>
- *Fatty Legs* by Christy Jordan-Fenton & Margaret-Olemaun Pokiak-Fenton:
<https://www.annickpress.com/Books/F/Fatty-Legs>
- *Residential Schools, With the Words and Images of Survivors, A National History* by Larry Loyie, Constance Brissenden, and Wayne K. Spear: <https://www.goodminds.com/residential-schools-words-and-images-survivors-national-history-now-available>
- *Speaking Our Truth* by Monique Gray Smith: <http://orcabook.com/speakingourtruth/>

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High school/adult books

- *A Knock on the Door: The Essential History of Residential Schools from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada* by Phil Fontaine, Aimée Craft: <https://uofmpress.ca/books/detail/a-knock-on-the-door>
- *Indian Horse* by Richard Wagamese: <https://www.indianhorse.ca/en/book>
- *Kiss of the Fur Queen* by Tomson Highway: <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.ca/books/79881/kiss-of-the-fur-queen-by-tomson-highway/9780385258807>
- *Calling Down the Sky* by Rosanna Deerchild: <https://www.mcnallyrobinson.com/9781772310054/rosanna-deerchild/calling-down-the-sky>
- *Mamaskatch* by Darrel J. McLeod: <https://www.cbc.ca/books/mamaskatch-1.4761569>
- *The Red Files* by Lisa Bird-Wilson: <https://www.cbc.ca/books/the-red-files-1.4017417>
- *Unsettling the Settler Within: Indian Residential Schools, Truth Telling, and Reconciliation in Canada* by Paulette Regan: <https://www.ubcpres.ca/unsettling-the-settler-within>