

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Scadding Court Community Centre recognizes Truth and Reconciliation Day and stands in solidarity with all our Indigenous brothers and sisters during this time of reflection while we strive to learn to do better and honour those who have suffered unspeakable losses.

In June, the federal government announced the creation a new statutory holiday known as the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation to be recognized on September 30th annually.

Truth and Reconciliation Call-to-Action #80: We call upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to honour Survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process.

This day fulfills the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call-to-Action #80 and serves as a day of remembrance, reflection, action and learning.

Since 2013, September 30 has been known as Orange Shirt Day, a day to recognize the tragic history and intergenerational harm that residential schools have caused Indigenous families and communities, and to honour those affected by these injustices. *"The annual Orange Shirt Day on September 30th opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind. A discussion all Canadians can tune into and create bridges with each other for reconciliation. A day for survivors to be reaffirmed that they matter, and so do those that have been affected. Every Child Matters, even if they are an adult, from now on."*

To Learn More, Visit:

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

<https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1450124405592/1529106060525>

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission - Calls to Action

Learn more about The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and how it responds to Call to Action 80 from the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action](#).

Orange Shirt Day

<https://www.orangeshirtday.org/>

<https://www.orangeshirtday.org/resources--supplies.html>

University of Alberta: Indigenous Canada Course (free of charge)

<https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions-programs/online-courses/indigenous-canada/index.html>

Sources: Assembly of First Nations, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, McGill University, Native Women's Association of Canada, Orange Shirt Day website, Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, University of Alberta