



SEPTEMBER 30

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

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### National Day for Truth and Reconciliation 2023

September 30<sup>th</sup> is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation; a day of reflection, remembrance and acknowledgment to honour the lives lost, the Survivors and those forever impacted by the residential school system in Canada; a day for fostering a commitment to truth, understanding and reconciliation.

BCFSC stands in solidarity, actively engaging in learning, commemorating and observing this significant day. We are dedicated to nurturing our relationships and strengthening our bonds by working collaboratively with First Nations, Inuit and Métis across BC as we progress through our shared journey of reconciliation and partnership.

#### **Get involved**

There are many ways to engage and observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation:

- **Support - Wear orange:** The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day are uniquely intertwined. Inspired by the "Orange Shirt Day" movement, wearing orange is a symbol of solidarity with survivors of the residential school system which began as a way to remember the experiences of a survivor named Phyllis (Jack) Webstad and continues to be a leading force in reconciliation efforts today.

You can purchase an orange shirt or a beaded lapel pin from the [official Orange Shirt Society](#). There are also a variety of [resources and videos](#) available on their website.

Consider volunteering, donating or creating a program in your community. Find out how you can get involved by visiting [Reconciliation Canada](#).

- **Engage - Attend a local in-person or virtual event:** Many BC communities will be hosting events to commemorate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Check out your local community event website for information on what's happening near you.



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- **Listen and Learn – Educate yourself:** There are numerous resources available (see below) to learn about the historical and ongoing impact of the residential school system on Indigenous peoples throughout Canada. [#IndigenousReads reading list](#) or learn the history behind [BC's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act](#).

No matter how you choose to observe the day, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation serves as a reminder that the work of reconciliation is ongoing. We can all contribute toward a better future by acknowledging this tragic part of Canadian history — and its ongoing impact in our communities by using this day to focus on education, reflection and listening.

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## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Resources

### **Livestreams and Broadcasts:**

On September 30<sup>th</sup>, there will be broadcasts and live streams on the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN), YouTube and other national broadcast channels.

- [APTN TV](#)
- [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#) (Livestream on YouTube)
- [CBC Gem](#) | [CBC TV](#) | [CBC Radio](#)

### **Documentaries, Films, Shows and Short Films:**

- [CBC – Truth and Reconciliation Collection](#)
- Indian Horse
- Treaties, Reconciliation and Indigenous History in Canada
- Holy Angels
- Stories are in Our Bones
- Martha of the North
- *Ńpawistańsowin: We Will Stand Up*
- We Were Children
- Mission School Syndrome
- The Road Forward

### **Videos:**

- [Orange Shirt Society YouTube Channel](#) (multiple videos)
- Phyllis (Jack) Webstad's explains *the origin of Orange Shirt Day* (7 min | 7 sec)
- [A New Legacy for Canada](#) - Truth and Reconciliation Day 2022 (2 min | 6 sec)
- [Orange Shirt Day vs. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#) (10min | 38 sec)
- [A Time for Healing – A Time to Share Knowledge](#) 1hr 41m
- [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#) (1 hr) - A one-hour CBC special from 2021



# National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

## Podcasts:

- [\*Telling Our Twisted Histories\*](#), hosted by Kaniehti:io Horn (CBC)
- [\*Seven Truths\*](#), hosted by Tanya Talaga (Audible)
- [\*Missing & Murdered\*](#), hosted by Connie Walker (CBC)
- [\*Inuinnaujuqut / We Are Inuinait\*](#), hosted by Eva Ayalik (Pitquhirnikkut Ilihautiniq / Kitikmeot Heritage Society)
- [\*All My Relations\*](#), hosted by Matika Wilbur, Desi Small Rodriguez and previously Dr. Adrienne Keene
- [\*Truth and Reconciliation\*](#): Building a cultural bridge between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people (University of Calgary)
- [\*Storykeepers\*](#), hosted by Waubgeshig Rice from Wasauksing First Nation on Georgian Bay in Ontario and Jennifer David, member of Chapleau Cree First Nation
- [\*Unsettled: Journeys in Truth and Reconciliation\*](#), hosted by George Lee and Jessica Vandenberghe
- [\*Truth and Reconciliation: Beyond the Orange Shirt\*](#), host Haley Chang (519 Podcast)

## Websites and Educational Resources

- [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- [Canadian Government - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- [Orange Shirt Society](#)
- [Alberta Forest Professionals Association and Alberta Professional Planners Institute](#) (pdf download of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation information, resources and material)

## Webinars

- [Indigenous Cultural Safety Learning Series](#) – a series of webinars by the Provincial Health Services Authority of BC in collaboration with Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre
- [Cultural Safety and Addressing Systemic Racism](#) – webinar presentation by Harley Eagle, part of a series of conversations hosted by UBC Learning Circle