

# Past, Present, And Future—A Learning Journey

Each of us living in Canada has a connection to Indigenous peoples. The path to reconciliation begins with deeper learning, a journey that must explore our past, our present and our future relationships with Indigenous communities.

To begin this learning journey, this document provides links to youth-generated and youth focused resources that will help to better understand our relationship with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada.

## Resources for Scouters and youth:

### Indigenous History Month Video

A fun, short video sharing how Indigenous youth are creating their future and telling their stories.

### Feathers of Hope—Healing Stories Designed by First Nations Youth

Feathers of Hope is a First Nations youth movement launched in 2013. Explore three graphic novels authored by Indigenous youth: *Blueberries: Healing Circle*; *Manidoo Makwa: Spirit Bear* and *Way of the Gentle Heart*.

### âpihtawikosisân

A blog by Chelsea Vowel, a Métis from manitow-sâkahikan (Lac Ste. Anne) Alberta, which focuses on language, gender, Métis self-determination, and resurgence.

### The 4Rs Movement

The 4Rs Movement is a youth-led movement; learn what Indigenous youth and non-Indigenous youth are doing today to build a better relationship and future for Canada. An excellent resource for [documents relating to reconciliation](#).

### CRE—Canadian Roots Exchange

A Canadian youth initiative focused on breaking down barriers and stereotypes and creating an open dialogue between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people living on this land.

### Language and Representation

A short video on language and character representation in movies and TV as shared by Indigenous peoples.

### UAKN

The Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network aims to connect the growing and vibrant urban Indigenous communities through research and engagement. Learn more about Indigenous [initiatives underway in your community](#).

## Resources for adult Scouters who wish to deepen their learning:

### What is a land acknowledgement?

A territorial or land acknowledgement is a recognition of a region or area, often announced during a gathering of people. Using culturally appropriate language, one purpose is to elevate the awareness of those present to the land's identity as a traditional territor(ies) of an Indigenous community or communities. To begin understanding traditional territories, visit [Native-Land.ca](#).

Before co-creating core principles of land acknowledgements with Indigenous peoples, it is important to begin to learn more deeply about the land itself. More information on Land Acknowledgements can be found at the [Native Governance Centre](#).

### Treaty relationship with Indigenous communities

Learn more about whether your community is currently in a treaty relationship by visiting [this website](#).

### Self-Guided Indigenous relations training for Scouters—101

[This free 2-hour course](#) offered by the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) provides a foundational knowledge of Indigenous peoples in Canada.

### Go Deeper: University of Alberta 12-module course

For the opportunity to get a full, well-rounded foundational understanding of Indigenous peoples in Canada consider this free 12-module course. [Course preview video](#) and [website](#).

## Additional resources:

[Reconciliation Canada](#)—hear from 11-year-old Zachary Mullin about his project on reconciliation.

[Residential Schools Podcast series](#)—The Canadian Encyclopedia.

## Resources en Français:

[Videos](#)—Apprenez en plus sur l'équité pour les enfants des Premières Nations.