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This meeting of The Federation is taking place on the traditional and unceded territories of the Lekwungen peoples (Songhees and Esquimalt Nations).

The Songhees First Nation has approximately 630 members, of whom 400 live on the 60-hectare Songhees Reserve #1A located adjacent to the Township of Esquimalt and the Town of View Royal. The community is comprised of five main families and several smaller families. Administration and Governance is under the authority of an elected Chief and Council.

The Esquimalt Nation is a small nation with approximately 150 members living on reserve and another 100 living off reserve. Off-reserve members live in Victoria, in other parts of Vancouver Island and BC, Alberta, and in a number of communities in Washington State.

If you are exploring the area, check out the Signs of Lekwungen Walkway, created in 2008. The Signs of Lekwungen consist of seven unique site markers that designate culturally significant sites to the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations along the Victoria Inner Harbour and surrounding areas. The markers are bronze castings of original cedar carvings that were conceptualized and carved by Coast Salish artist and master carver, Butch Dick.



NOTES

SAVE THE DATES

Reconciliation in Action - Conference & Annual General Meeting
June 22-23, 2017 | The Penticton Lakeside Resort, Penticton, B.C.

Trauma-Informed Practice in Action - Conference & Member's General Meeting
October 11-13, 2017 | Vancouver Airport Sheraton Hotel, Richmond, B.C.

VOICES IN ACTION

THE FEDERATION'S 2017 SOCIAL POLICY FORUM

FEBRUARY 16-17, 2017

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728 Humboldt St, Victoria, BC



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FEATURED OPENING ADDRESS



Grand Chief Edward John (Akile Ch'oh)

Grand Chief Edward John is a Hereditary Chief of Tl'azt'en Nation located on the banks of the Nak'al Bun (Stuart Lake) in Northern BC. He is an Indigenous leader who has dedicated his life to the pursuit of social and economic justice for Canada's Indigenous people, having worked as a leader in Indigenous politics, business and community development.

Chief John has been a lawyer for more than 30 years. He holds a B.A. from the University of Victoria, an LL.B from the University of British Columbia and an Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from the University of Northern British Columbia and the University of Victoria.

Chief John has served in many leadership roles at the local, provincial, national and international levels. Chief John is currently serving his eleventh consecutive term on the First Nations Summit Task Group (political executive), which is mandated to carry out specific tasks related to Aboriginal Title and Rights negotiations with British Columbia and Canada and other issues of common concern to First Nations in British Columbia. He is a former Co-Chair of the North American Indigenous Peoples' Caucus and participated in the development of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples which was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in September 2007. He recently concluded serving two terms as a North American Representative to the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (Jan 2011–Dec 2016). He also recently concluded his 14 month appointment as Special Advisor on Aboriginal Child Welfare to the BC Minister of Children and Families with the release of his final report entitled "Indigenous Resilience, Connectedness and Reunification – from Root Causes to Root Solutions: A Report on Indigenous Child Welfare in British Columbia".

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION



Seth Klein

Seth is the BC Director of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, a public policy research institute committed to social, economic and environmental justice. He has been a social activist for over 30 years.

Under his direction, CCPA-BC has grown to 14 employees, and publishes regular research reports on topics such as poverty and inequality, taxes, climate justice, and health care.

Seth served for eight years as co-chair of the BC Poverty Reduction Coalition, and is on the Advisory Committee of the Metro Vancouver Living Wage for Families campaign. He is a co-founder of Next Up (a leadership training program for young people committed to social and environmental justice).

PANELISTS



Katie Hyslop

Journalist Katie Hyslop has spent her decade-plus career applying a social justice lens to the education, youth, and housing issues she covers. Born and (mostly) raised in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, she went west in 2008 to complete a masters of journalism at the UBC, and hasn't looked back since. With *The Tyee* since 2010, Hyslop has written extensively on B.C. education, foster care, indigenous issues, housing, and poverty. She's appeared on CBC Radio, CKNW, News 1130, Global BC, Fairchild TV, and Roundhouse Radio; was republished on Salon.com; and was (briefly) followed on Twitter by former *The Simpsons* executive consultant Brad Bird.



Andrew MacLeod

Andrew MacLeod is Legislative Bureau Chief for *The Tyee* website. He is the author of *A Better Place on Earth: The Search for Fairness in Super Unequal British Columbia* (Harbour Publishing, 2015), a book about economic inequality that won the George Ryga Award for Social Awareness in Literature for 2016. His work has been referred to in the B.C. legislature, Canadian House of Commons and senate. He won a 2006 Association of Alternative Newsweeklies award for news writing and was a finalist for a 2007 Western Magazine Award for best article in B.C. and the Yukon. He lives with his family in Victoria.



Lindsay Kines

Lindsay Kines covers politics for the *Victoria Times Colonist*. He has been a newspaper reporter for 35 years, with previous stints at the *Vancouver Sun* and *Brandon Sun*. He won a National Newspaper Award with Kim Bolan for coverage of Vancouver's missing women case, and has been nominated four times for the Michener Award for public service journalism, winning in 2011 for exposing mistreatment of adults with developmental disabilities. He lives in Victoria with his wife and two daughters.

PANEL MODERATOR



Jody Paterson

Jody Paterson is a writer, editor and communications strategist with 27 years of experience writing for and managing B.C. daily newspapers. She currently does communications work for a wide variety of clients including Oxfam Canada, Global Affairs Canada, the Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island, and the B.C. Association for Child Development and Intervention. From 2012 to 2016, Jody and her spouse Paul Willcocks worked with Cuso International in Central America providing communications support and training to NGOs. In 2012, Jody received an honorary doctorate in laws from the University of Victoria for her social-justice work.