

FCSSBC OCTOBER 2016 CONFERENCE: RECONCILIATION AS A CONTINUOUS WAY OF BEING

AGENDA | WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12, 2016

FEDERATION MEMBER'S GENERAL MEETING

- 8:00-9:00 am **Registration and Breakfast**
9:00-12:00 pm **General Meeting** (Federation Members and Invited guests Only)

RECONCILIATION CANADA DIALOGUE WORKSHOP

- 12:00-1:00 pm **Workshop Registration and Lunch**
1:00-5:00 pm **Dialogue Workshop Session**, hosted by Reconciliation Canada

AGENDA | THURSDAY OCTOBER 13, 2016

FEDERATION CONFERENCE: RECONCILIATION AS A CONTINUOUS WAY OF BEING

- 8:00-9:00 am **Registration and Breakfast**
9:00-9:30 am **Welcoming Remarks and Territorial Recognition**
9:30-10:15 am **Keynote Address** — Chief Dr. Robert Joseph, Reconciliation Canada
10:15-10:30 am **Refreshment Break**
10:30-12:00 pm **Breakout Sessions A**
Session 1: Blanket Exercise, Kairos Canada
Session 2: Resilience and Reconciliation, Monique Gray Smith
- 12:00-1:00 pm **LUNCH BREAK**
- 1:00-2:20 pm **Breakout Sessions B**
Session 3: Intersections Between Two Worlds, Sherry Small
Session 4: Cultural Agility and Living Into Reconciliation, Wedlidi Speck & Jennifer Charlesworth
- 2:20-2:40 pm **Refreshment Break**
2:40-4:00 pm **Breakout Sessions C**
Session 5: Youth as Leaders in Reconciliation, 4Rs Youth Movement & FBCYICN
Session 6: Recognizing Power and Privilege, PeerNetBC
- 4:10-4:55 pm **Closing Address** — Leslie Varley, BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres
5:30-7:30 pm **Dinner Reception** (*optional*)

AGENDA | FRIDAY OCTOBER 14, 2016

RECONCILIATION CANADA DIALOGUE WORKSHOP

- 7:45-8:30 am **Workshop Registration and Breakfast**
8:30-12:30 pm **Dialogue Workshop Session**, hosted by Reconciliation Canada

Breakout Session Descriptions

- Session 1** **Blanket Exercise – Kairos Canada**
- The Blanket Exercise is an interactive learning experience that teaches the Indigenous rights history we're rarely taught and covers over 500 years of history in a one participatory workshop. Participants take on the roles of Indigenous peoples in Canada. Standing on blankets that represent the land, they walk through pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization and resistance. Participants are drawn into the experience by reading scrolls and carrying cards which ultimately determine their outcomes. By engaging on an emotional and intellectual level, the Blanket Exercise effectively educates and increases empathy.
- Session 2** **Resilience and Reconciliation – Monique Gray Smith**
- Using the 4 Blankets of Resilience framework, Monique Gray Smith will host a learning session that explores the impact of trauma, the story of resilience for Indigenous people in Canada, and the importance of reconciliation. Monique will draw on her work "Ripple Effect of Resiliency: Strategies for Fostering Resiliency with Indigenous Children" in working with participants on what they can do to be a "cookie person" to support young people and their resiliency. This will be an interactive, engaging session with plenty of opportunity to ask questions and explore your next steps in fostering the resilience of the Indigenous children, youth and families you serve...or want to serve.
- Session 3** **Intersections Between Two Worlds – Sherry Small**
- When we speak of claiming and reclaiming identity, do we speak of the impact on identity and identification? How do we make space for a framework of spiritual identity that encompasses us all in a profound and regenerating unity? Sherry Small will offer insights into designing our futures through educational experiences—personal and professional—and honest and open dialogue about the importance of identity, affirmation, and the intersections of power, differences and resistance to the colonial approach.
- Session 4** **Cultural Agility and Living Into Reconciliation – Wedlidi Speck & Jennifer Charlesworth**
- Genuine reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in Canada is a shared responsibility. So where do we begin as individuals and how do we sustain and grow this vital work? In this session, Wedlidi will share stories and a framework for cultural agility that helps to illuminate a more intentional path from cultural awareness to cultural humility and safety. Jennifer and Wedlidi will share contemporary findings on the blind spots and implicit bias that unknowingly interfere with our capacity to live into heartfelt relationships across differences. Together we will explore ways to shed light on these blind spots and build a personal practice towards cultural agility, safety and ultimately reconciliation.
- Session 5** **Youth as Leaders in Reconciliation – 4Rs Youth Movement & Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks**
- Join two organizations committed to youth voice and social change, the 4Rs Youth Movement and the Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks, to explore ways to stand in support of youth as leaders in reconciliation work. Both organizations will share case studies that illustrate the work they do in support of youth voice, youth advocacy, and youth as leaders in reconciliation. This will be an opportunity for participants to learn more about some models for meaningful youth engagement, and to share with one another how this connects in your work and communities.
- Session 6** **Recognizing Power and Privilege – PeerNetBC**
- In this interactive workshop, participants will explore and discuss the manifestations of power (systemic, institutional, positional and personal). Through the use of group exercises and discussion, participants will also examine the components of systemic power, introduce language specific to diversity, identity and intersectionality and relate participant lived experiences within a power framework.