

100 Reconciliation Dialogue Workshops

Reconciliation Canada (RC) has partnered with the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) and the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres (BCAAFC) to host up to 100 Reconciliation Dialogue Workshops in a range of communities like yours throughout BC.

Reconciliation Dialogue Workshops

Each workshop comprises 30-40 participants who reflect the diversity in the community. This may include leaders from local First Nations, Aboriginal organizations, all levels of government, justice, educational, health and community organizations, multicultural and faith-based groups, and the private sector. Workshops are modeled on an Aboriginal circle process that creates a supportive and safe environment for meaningful dialogue and relationship building. Together participants explore pathways to reconciliation and develop community-based and community-driven reconciliation action plans.

The 100 Reconciliation Dialogue Workshops Series entails the delivery of two one-day workshops. The first, a **Community Leadership Workshop**, brings together community leaders and change-makers from diverse cultural, faith and professional backgrounds. It is followed by a **Young Adult Leadership Workshop** to engage young adults and emerging change-makers in reconciliation.

A second stream of Reconciliation Canada programming will be available in the following months if communities are committed and interested to continue the work. This programming includes a **Reconciliation Action Workshop** and an **Economic Reconciliation Workshop**.

Community Commitment – Our ask of YOU!

Financial and/or In-Kind Contributions: Reconciliation Canada welcomes all types of financial and in-kind support. While we are working to build a broad coalition of funders to finance part of the project costs, each community is expected to cover a portion of the workshop costs through sponsorships, donations and in-kind contribution, such as venue and catering.

Community Advisor(s): Knowledge philanthropists from a municipality, regional government, local First Nation (s) an Aboriginal Friendship Centre and/or community organizations who, through an informal partnership, volunteer to act as the local advisor(s) for Reconciliation Canada and help with logistics of workshop delivery.

Logistics

Planning for each workshop series will follow an eight-week logistics timeline to include the organization of venue, catering, invitations, health support, traditional protocol, and workshop materials. These types of arrangements and potential in-kind contributions will be discussed with the community advisor(s).

Each workshop requires a venue and catering to meet expected attendance figures of 30–40 participants per workshop. All workshop types will run from approximately 8:30am – 4:30pm and will typically take place during weekdays.

Together, we can achieve a shared understanding, shared resilience, and a shared tomorrow.

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Workshop venues will be large enough to allow for both large and small circles. They must be conducive to creating a safe space for effective dialogue and therefore take size, acoustics and environment into account. Catering will be required for the welcome, lunch and two breaks, and will meet a range of dietary requirements.

100 Reconciliation Dialogue Workshops – Measurement of Success

- Commitment to reconciliation measured by the number of participants that attend the Reconciliation Dialogue Workshops
- Number of Community Dialogue Facilitators who commit to the delivery of the workshops and promotion of reconciliation initiatives in the communities and local organizations
- Communities that implement community reconciliation action plans

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