

BACKGROUND

Born from the vision of Chief Dr. Robert Joseph, Gwawaenuk Elder, Reconciliation Canada is a charitable, non-partisan, national organization that promotes reconciliation by engaging Canadians from every part of society. Reconciliation Canada's model for reconciliation includes open and honest dialogue, leading to transformative experiences that revitalize relationships among Indigenous peoples and all Canadians.

Reconciliation Canada is furthering the reconciliation movement through 2016-2017 with its national initiatives, notably by bringing together reconciliation leaders in six National Reconciliation Gatherings across the country. Past initiatives include: co-hosting events in Ottawa and Vancouver to coincide with the closing of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada in 2015, and hosting events during Reconciliation Week in September 2013, including the Walk for Reconciliation which engaged 70,000 people in downtown Vancouver.

Current initiatives:

- **National Reconciliation Gatherings** - The National Reconciliation Gatherings are large-scale gatherings of regional and community leaders from diverse cultural, faith and professional backgrounds, who come together in a safe, culturally aware and accepting space. These gatherings are part of a larger national engagement strategy to build a national narrative on reconciliation and catalyze action. Reconciliation Canada has initiatives planned across the country through 2016- 2017, which are intended to engage individuals, groups and organizations in the reconciliation process.
- **Reconciliation Dialogue Workshops** – These workshops bring together community leaders to build meaningful partnerships and identify opportunities for collaboration. Each workshop creates a safe space for participants to share personal stories, discuss visions for a better future, and to develop individual and collective action plans. Reconciliation Dialogue Workshops have been delivered in a diversity of settings, including government, youth, corporate and community organizations.
- **Reconciliation Leadership Learning Experience** – This leadership learning experience provides leaders with the opportunity to reflect and adopt the core values of reconciliation, allowing for a new generation of leaders who consciously and thoughtfully choose to live and work in reconciliation.
- **Economic Reconciliation** - Economic reconciliation aims to create meaningful partnerships and mutually beneficial opportunities based on a holistic, values-driven approach to attaining community economic prosperity. This shared prosperity approach draws on the values of the community to inform the structures, processes, and environments to stimulate action towards community resilience.
- **Public Awareness and Education** - Public awareness and interactive community outreach activities promote an understanding of our shared histories. These initiatives allow participants to explore the meaning of reconciliation through community events, keynote speeches and presentations.

Through its 2016-2017 initiatives, Reconciliation Canada continues to build and maintain a national dialogue on reconciliation and catalyze action, facilitating values-based organizational and community change. Its goal is to achieve shared prosperity for all peoples.