

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION 2023

Across the country, hundreds of local activities are taking place that commemorate the history and legacy of residential schools. See list below for an events in your community.

Virtual

Date: September 25 – 29, 2023
Time: 10:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. PDT
Event Name: Truth and Reconciliation Week Lunch and
Organization: The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation
Location: Online
Cost: Free
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Date: September 27, 2023
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. PDT
Event Name: Let's learn about the importance of Orange Shirt Day
Organization: University of Windsor
Location: Online
Cost: Free
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In person events, by region

Lower Mainland

CENTRAL VANCOUVER

Date: September 30, 2023
Time: 11:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. PDT
Event Name: Intergenerational March to commemorate Orange Shirt Day
Organization: UBC
Location: Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Centre
1985 Learners Walk, Vancouver
Cost: Free
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In person events, by region continued:

Lower Mainland

CENTRAL VANCOUVER *continued*

Date: September 30, 2023
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. PDT
Event Name: Intergenerational March to commemorate Orange Shirt Day
Organization: Arts Umbrella
Location: 1400 Johnston St. Granville Island, Vancouver
Cost: Pay what you can, suggested donation \$5 for each event
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Date: September 30, 2023
Time: All day
Event Name: Orange Shirt Day: StoryWalk®
Organization: Xwi7xwa Library, UBC
Location: Green space between Xwi7xwa Library and the Longhouse
1985 West Mall, Vancouver
Cost: Free
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Date: September 27, 2023
Time: 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. or 2:00 p.m. PDT
Organization: UBC, Belkin Public Programs staff and Indian Residential School History
and Dialogue Centre
Location: 1825 Main Mall, Vancouver
Cost: Free
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Date: September 28, 2023
Time: 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. PDT
Event Name: Understanding Truth and Reconciliation
Organization: Robert Lee YMCA
Location: 955 Burrard St, Vancouver
Cost: Free
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Date: September 30, 2023
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. PDT
Event Name: Truth and Reconciliation Day: Workshop with Shaina Stephens
Organization: Museum of Vancouver
Location: 1100 Chestnut St, Vancouver
Cost: \$85
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In person events, by region continued:

Lower Mainland

CENTRAL VANCOUVER *continued*

Date: September 29, 2023
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. PDT
Event Name: Honouring Truth & Reconciliation with Red Buffalo Nova Weipert
Organization: WildBrain Studios
Location: 380 West 5th Avenue, Vancouver
Cost: Donation

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Date: September 30, 2023
Time: Fire starts at sunrise (7:10 a.m. PDT) and ends at Sunset (6:53 p.m. PDT)
Event Name: All-Day Sacred Fire Ceremony at x^wcicé sëm Garden
Organization: x^wcicé sëm Garden, First Nations House of Learning, Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Centre and the Indigenous Land-Based Health, Wellness and Education Research Cluster
Location: UBC Farm
3461 Ross Drive, Vancouver
Cost: Free

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COASTAL MOUNTAIN

Date: September 30, 2023
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. PDT
Event Name: National Day for Truth & Reconciliation at MONOVA
Organization: Museum & Archives of North Vancouver (MONOVA)
Location: 115 West Esplanade, North Vancouver
Cost: Free admission, donations to support programs and exhibits welcome

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Date: September 30, 2023
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. PDT
Event Name: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation at the SLCC
Organization: Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre
Location: Whistler
Cost: Free

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Date: September 30, 2023
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 pm PDT
Event Name: Film Screening + Dialogue: Commemorating the National Day of Truth + Reconciliation
Organization: Sunshine Coast Arts Council
Location: 5714 Medusa St, Sechelt
Cost: Free

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In person events, by region continued:

Lower Mainland continued

COASTAL MOUNTAIN

Date: September 30, 2023
Time: 1100 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. PDT
Event Name: Commemoration Ceremony and Walk for Reconciliation
Organization: Shíshálh Nation
Location: Residential School Monument Site
Cost: Free
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RICHMOND VANCOUVER

Date: September 30, 2023
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. PDT
Event Name: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Organization: Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society
Location: John Hendry Park, Trout Lake Community Centre
3360 Victoria Drive, Vancouver
Cost: Free
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Date: September 27, 2023
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. PDT
Event Name: Truth & Reconciliation Workshop: Naturally Dye an Orange Shirt Emblem
Organization: Still Moon Arts Society
Location: 2750 East 29th Ave, Vancouver
Cost: Free
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Date: September 30, 2023
Time: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. PDT
Event Name: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day
Organization: Mountain Rain Zen Community
Location: 2016 Wall Street, Vancouver
Cost: Free
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VANCOUVER METRO

Date: September 29, 2023
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. PDT
Event Name: Indigenous Stories of Resilience, Resistance, and Resurgence
Organization: Len Pierre Consulting
Location: 1133 West Hastings St, Vancouver (Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront)
Cost: \$225
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In person events, by region continued:

Lower Mainland continued

SIMON FRASER

Date: September 29, 2023
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PDT
Event Name: Walk for Reconciliation
Organization: Kwikwetlem First Nation
Location: 2-65 Colony Farm Rd., Coquitlam
Cost: Free

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Date: September 30, 2023
Time: Between 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., 2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m., or 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. PDT
Event Name: All My Relations: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Organization: Place De Arts
Location: Place de Arts, 1120 Brunette Ave., Coquitlam
Cost: Free

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Date: September 26, 2023
Time: 10:30 a.m. PDT
Event Name: Every Child Matters Crosswalk Project Unveiling
Organization: Spirit of the Children Society
Location: Hyack Square, 796 Columbia St., New Westminister
Cost: Free

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Date: September 23, 2023
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PDT
Event Name: Truth and Reconciliation: Canadian Fundamentals Educational Session
Organization: The City of Lougheed in partnership with Online Culture Initiatives
Location: 9855 Austin Avenue, Burnaby
Cost: \$10 (All proceeds benefitting Spirit of the Children Society)

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Date: September 30, 2023
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. PDT
Event Name: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Memorial Peace Park
Organization: Katzie First Nation, Fraser River Indigenous Society, BC Spokes, PLEA
Location: Memorial Peace Park
11968 224th Street, Maple Ridge
Cost: Free

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In person events, by region continued:

Lower Mainland continued

SIMON FRASER *continued*

Date: September 30, 2023
Time: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. PDT
Event Name: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Teaching Pow Wow: Voices of our Children
Organization: Spirit of Children Society
Location: Westminster Pier Park
16th St, New Westminster
Cost: Free
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SOUTH FRASER VALLEY

Date: September 30, 2023
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. PDT
Event Name: Semiahmoo First Nation's 3rd Annual Walk for Truth & Reconciliation
Organization: Semiahmoo First Nation
Location: 15393 Marine Drive, White Rock
Cost: Free
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Date: September 29, 2023
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. PDT
Event Name: Skookum Surrey Truth and Reconciliation Event
Organization: Surrey Urban Indigenous Leadership Committee
Location: Holland Park
13428 Old Yale Road, Surrey
Cost: Free
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FRASER VALLEY

Date: September 28, 2023
Time: 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. PDT
Event Name: Chowiyes-Xwithet/Rise Up-Wake Up Gathering 2023
Organization: University of the Fraser Valley
Location: Chilliwack
Cost: Free
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In person events, by region continued:

Lower Mainland continued

FRASER VALLEY *continued*

Date: September 29 and 30, 2023
Time: 7:00 p.m. (Sept 29), 1:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. (Sept 30)
Event Name: 2nd Annual Orange Shirt Day Pow wow
Organization: Chilliwack Secondary School
Location: 46363 Yale Rd, Chilliwack
Cost: Free
Contact: Gary Abbott, 604 845 5234

Date: September 30, 2023
Time: 4:30 p.m. onwards
Event Name: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Coastal Jam
Organization: Skwah First Nation
Location: Shxwhá:y Cultural Centre, 9651 Skway Rd, Chilliwack
Cost: Free

Date: September 29, 2023
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. PDT
Event Name: Recognition and Honouring Event
Organization: Mission Friendship Centre Society
Location: 33150 1st Avenue, Mission
Cost: Free

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Date: September 30, 2023
Time: 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. PDT
Event Name: Truth and Reconciliation Day Ceremony
Organization: Stó:lō Service Agency
Location: Coqualeetza Memorial Post, Mission
Cost: Free

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Northern

NORTH EAST

Date: September 29, 2023
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. PDT
Event Name: A Path Towards Collective Reconciliation: A Truth & Reconciliation Event
Organization: College of New Caledonia
Location: 545 Hwy 16, Burns Lake Campus
Cost: Free

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In person events, by region continued:

Interior

OKANAGAN SIMILKAMEEN

Date: Wednesdays starting September 27, October 4, 11, 18, 2023

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. PDT

Event Name: k'west'lap ee stethatht (Truth Shows Itself) Workshops

Organization: Kelowna Museums in consultation with Sylix Elders

Location: Laurel Packinghouse
1304 Ellis Street, Kelowna

Cost: \$150

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Date: September 26, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. PDT

Event Name: Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada: Mapping Residential Schools

Organization: UBC Okanagan Indigenous Programs and Services

Location: University Centre (UNC) – Ballroom
3272 University Way, Kelowna

Cost: Free

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Date: September 29, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PDT

Event Name: Orange Shirt Day Hummingbird Flag Installation

Organization: UBC Okanagan Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies

Location: Courtyard, 3333 University Way, Kelowna

Cost: Free

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THOMPSON NORTH OKANAGAN

Date: September 27 – September 30, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. PDT

Event Name: 10th Annual Orange Shirt Day – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Organization: Orange Shirt Society

Location: Williams Lake Stampede Grounds
800 Mackenzie Ave, Williams Lake

Cost: Free

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In person events, by region continued:

Interior continued

WEST KOOTENAY

Date: September 28, 2023
Time: 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. PDT
Event Name: Screening of “For Love” for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Organization: The Skills Centre
Location: 1597 Bay Avenue, Trail
Cost: Free
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Date: October 10, 2023
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. PDT
Event Name: Monique Gray Smith: Weaving Love and Joy into Truth and Reconciliation
Organization: Indigenous Services and Mir Centre for Peace
Location: 1876 Brilliant Road, Castlegar
Cost: \$5 - \$15
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Vancouver Island

PACIFIC RIM

Date: September 22, 2023
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. PDT
Event Name: Winds of Change; Truth, Art and Reconciliation - Film Screening
Organization: Raven Sky Productions
Location: 900 Fifth Street, Nanaimo
Cost: Free
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Date: October 2, 2023
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. PDT
Event Name: Every Child Matters March
Organization: City of Duncan, Makola Housing Society and others
Location: Si'em' Lelum Sports Fields
5574 River Road
Cost: Free
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In person events, by region continued:

Vancouver Island continued

PACIFIC RIM *continued*

Date: September 30, 2023
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. PDT
Event Name: Orange Day in the Bay
Organization: Peter Hudson Company
Location: Huddleston Park, Lantzville
Cost: \$22.63

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SOUTH ISLANDS

Date: September 30, 2023
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. PDT
Event Name: Reconcile: Candid Truth From Survivors
Organization: Support Network for Indigenous Women and Women of Colour
Location: 835 Humboldt St, Victoria
Cost: Free

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Date: September 30, 2023
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PDT
Event Name: South Island Powwow
Organization: Songhees First Nation
Location: Royal Athletic Park 1014 Caledonia Ave, Victoria
Cost: Free

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