

Pillars of Righting Relations

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women led

Righting Relations is rooted in our ancestral heritages, teachings from the land and connection to the source of life. This source of life represents the sacred feminine, or mother earth. The sacred feminine is the inner world of life which houses spiritual energy; the internal universe or internal life. The masculine is the “outward” and balances how we work together.

The patriarchy has left people living in wounds leaving them so afraid that when people come near they will attack out of fear of the wounds being touched. Patriarchy has moved us away from the heart towards hurt and fear; where we have been conditioned to attack.

To ground in the feminine requires courage, living from the heart, unconditional love and stepping out of the mainstream. It is a reconnection to what has been removed, lost and left unnurtured. It is a confirmation that we are all part of an expanded consciousness, centring cultural humility and uplifting of the human spirit.

In Righting Relations we love each other, care and nurture each other while giving space for our diversity. We centre life and recognize that what we are doing is for the future generations.



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Righting Relations is a commitment to unite our communities. We recognize Canada and colonization as patriarchal systems which have resulted in great disruptions and created a displacement of humanity and the sacred feminine. We acknowledge that even in the process of dismantling and recounting in Righting Relations, we may continue to operate in this thinking that continues to dismantle and displace us. Therefore, we strive to recreate spaces of healthy ways of being together and being conscious of the pervasiveness of colonialism on our hearts and minds. We all have an inherent collective responsibility to care for the human and natural world.

To be in Righting Relations, we must have courage and accept it is not easy. It is a commitment to let go of notions of time and pressure to do and act, but to grow wiser and to remember to slow down. The work of Righting Relations is about relationships and ways of being together.



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popular education

Righting Relations is the inclusion or oneness of all consciousness; it is community. It is not one face or one voice, but a collective that keeps growing and is dynamic. Everything goes back to the source that has given us life and creates a community that nurtures the whole person.

Popular education is about coming together, co-creating and centring curiosity and humility towards decolonization and radical social change. In Righting Relations, we will have the courage to step in and practice shared leadership.

We recognize that each of us is a unique entity of thought. No matter our race, social status, gender identity, or ability, we are all the same as far as we perceive, feel, act or react.

We recognize we have power in unity and that this power is strengthened in feelings of belonging. In Righting Relations, ideas are welcome to naturally grow and emerge in the collective. Righting Relations is a collective commitment to growth, learning and unity.