



Federated Co-operatives Limited



ē-nīso pimohtēyahk: Walking Forward Together

3rd Annual Rural Reconciliation Educational Gathering

Hosted by the Prairie Rivers Reconciliation Committee

Sponsored by Federated Co-operatives Ltd.

November 7-10, 2021

Sunday, November 7th – Opening Event

7:00-8:00pm

Opening - MCs Derek Watson, radio broadcaster “Watty”, and son Lucas Watson

Performance by Chubby Cree

This Indigenous hand drum group made up of 11-year-old Noah and Grandmother Carol will perform an honour song followed by “Rock Your World”.

Performance by Outside Looking In

A dance group of Indigenous children who travel and perform country-wide. The group exists to engage students, incorporate art into education, and promote academic success.

Video presentation by title sponsor, Federated Co-operatives Ltd.

Performance by Sky Boyz

Drumming performance by this group of youth from Beardy’s-Okemasis First Nation and Stobart Community School.

Closing

Monday, November 8th – Day 1, Youth

Sponsored by Dakota Dunes Community Development Corporation

1:00pm

Opening - MCs Tracey Grand'Maison and Velma Assinewai, Town of Aberdeen

1:10pm

Coming Home - Education Through Sport

Colby Daniels and Sydney Daniels, Mistawasis Nehiyawak

Colby and Sydney are decorated athletes in the hockey world. They will be discussing their journey through sports and academics, highlighting the lessons sport has taught them and how sport has helped them grow as individuals, and communicate how they are using sport to help Indigenous youth and future generations to come.

2:00pm

Break - "Métis People" song by Rosie Darling

2:10pm

Diversity: 2Spirit Focus

Paulie (Paulete) Poitras, 2Spirit Ambassador, OUT Saskatoon

Even though Indigenous people have faced many hardships throughout history, Indigenous people historically unlocked the power of resiliency. Resiliency is a positive outcome of the strength within the community. It is a spiritual connection that guides the purpose of understanding. It is vitally important to speak up and encourage Indigenous natural healers within our community, the 2spirit society [winkte]. Through all the daily struggles of life, the community needs to educate themselves and seek understanding of the role of 2spirit.

3:00pm

Break - Video presentation by day sponsor, Dakota Dunes Community Development Corporation and choreography session with Brigitte Neganigwane

3:15pm

Importance of the Seasons

Gilbert Kewistep, First Nations University of Canada

Hear Knowledge Keeper and Cultural Advisor Gilbert Kewistep teach about the importance of the four seasons and what they mean. Each season has teachings and ceremonies; we need to keep them alive among the youth. Climate change is happening; as protectors, we need to look after the earth.

4:15pm

Closing

Tuesday, November 9th - Day 2, Education

Sponsored by Carlton Trail College

1:00pm

Opening – MC Mayor Gary Philipchuk, City of Warman

1:10pm

Awakening the Mainstream: Notes from the Field

Winston McLean, Iron Wolf Consulting

In this presentation Winston McLean will draw on 30 years' experience delivering awareness training to mainstream Canada. While it is true there is racism in this country – and Saskatchewan in particular – Mr. McLean has also found there is an untapped and massive pool of allies in the mainstream just waiting for the right information to empower them. This pool of allies exists in government, corporate Canada, and in our communities, and they are eager to be good allies. The trick is feeding them right.

2:00pm

Break - Video presentation from day sponsor, Carlton Trail College

2:15pm

Reading for Reconciliation

Amanda Nelson, Prairie Spirit School Division

Participants will learn how to critically analyze texts for misrepresentation of Indigenous peoples, consider the impact of problematic texts and explore contemporary trends in Indigenous literature. A reading list for personal, professional and classroom texts will be co-constructed with participants to support them in their reconciliation goals and journey.

3:00pm

Break - Breathing and Movement for Trauma Healing, Heather Peters, MCC Saskatchewan

3:15pm

Beading with Kookum

Velma Assinewai, Town of Aberdeen

Learn why and how to bead, as well as some history of beading. In Anishnaabe culture, beading happens in the winter season to keep hands and minds busy, which keeps our mentality healthy. Bead along with Velma to prepare a simple Christmas ball. A materials list will be sent out so participants can pick up supplies in advance. [Optional: session at 6pm to continue beading.]

4:15pm

Closing

Wednesday, November 10th - Day 3, Business (Economic and Land Development)

Sponsored by City of Martensville

1:00pm

Opening - MC Chief Tricia Sutherland, One Arrow First Nation

1:05pm

Working Together for the Same Outcome

Panel moderator: Robert Daniels, Misty Ventures, Mistawasis Nehiyawak

Panel speakers: Albert Derocher, Flying Dust First Nation; Neil Sasakamoose, Battlefords Agency Tribal Chiefs; and Barrett Greyeyes, Muskeg Lake First Nation.

This panel discussion will provide teachings and promote awareness about Indigenous

economic development in Saskatchewan. Its focus will be on creating partnerships and a culture of champions, not consultants.

2:05pm

Break - Video presentation from day sponsor, City of Martensville

Performance by Comedian Jody Peters

2:20pm

Nation Rebuilding and Economic Reconciliation

Panel moderator: Kristen Johannesson, SREDA

Panel speakers: Judy Harwood, RM Corman Park; Milton Tootosis, SREDA; Mayor Ryan White, Town of Aberdeen.

Panelists will discuss the history of their regions, how they define economic reconciliation, how their communities work towards reconcili-“action”, and promising practices with Indigenous partners. It will end on a note of urgency.

3:20pm

Break - Performance by Shawn Cuthand and Danny Knight, The Feather Comedy

3:35pm

Indigenous Youth Perspectives - The Future of Economic Development

Panel moderator: Harleen Arora, Federated Co-operatives Ltd.

Panel speakers: Dante Carter, Indigenous Business Students' Society; Aubrey-Anne LaLiberte Pewapisconias, Cando EDO; and Autumn LaRose-Smith, We Matter.

In this discussion, a panel of three Indigenous youth will share their experiences and journey as university students and their perspectives on Indigenous economic development, including what it means to them, what the future looks like and what changes institutions and organizations can make to get there.

4:15pm

Closing