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## **University of Lethbridge presents week of activities in honour of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

On September 30, [the University of Lethbridge will recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#). This day provides members of our community time and space to reflect on the multigenerational impacts of residential schools.

In addition to committing to a day of reflection for the University community, the U of L, in collaboration with Indigenous community members, is planning a number of activities during the week of Sept. 27-30.

Visit this [website](http://ulethbridge.ca/first-nations-metis-inuit/national-truth-and-reconciliation-day-2021) for full details: [ulethbridge.ca/first-nations-metis-inuit/national-truth-and-reconciliation-day-2021](http://ulethbridge.ca/first-nations-metis-inuit/national-truth-and-reconciliation-day-2021)

### **Schedule of Events**

#### **September 27**

##### **Maatomatskaohsatayiwa: “We did not give up on them”**

**9 a.m. to 4 p.m. | UHall Atrium**

(This is a come-and-go event)

Orange Ribbon Memorial Event, Hosted in Partnership with Ikaisskini and the University of Lethbridge Art Gallery. Join us to acknowledge and remember the impact of Residential Schools in Canada. Take part in this community event when you contribute to our collaborative art piece. The work will be on display in the Atrium for the week. This event is focused on making connections, with a takeaway element for a longer-lasting experience.

##### **Handprints in Memory**

**12 to 3 p.m. | UWall**

(This is a come-and-go event)

Hosted by the Indigenous Students Success Cohort. Indigenous students who are descendants of Residential School Survivors are invited to place a handprint in orange

paint to honour that family member. This is to be a visual representation of the intergenerational impacts of Residential Schools. Someone will be at the wall to assist with leaving handprints.

## **September 28**

### **Smudge with Elder Francis First Charger**

#### **Prayer Blessing**

11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

(In-Person | Outdoors Ikaisskini Gathering Place, Paterson Building, Online | Zoom)

ULethbridge Elder in Residence, Francis First Charger, will start the morning off by offering prayers and a chance for the campus community to take part in a traditional smudge.

Please note: Out of respect, the prayer will not be included in the virtual event.

## **September 29**

### **Button Making in Partnership with Ikaisskini and Project Sandbox**

**9 a.m. to 12 p.m. | UHall Atrium**

(This is a come-and-go event)

Students are invited to drop-in to make your own, unique Orange Shirt Day button.

### **Intertribal by Trevor Solway**

**1:30 to 3 p.m.**

(This is a virtual event)

Presented by the Blackfoot Digital Library, University of Lethbridge Library and Lethbridge Public Library. A Treaty 7 Music Documentary Trevor Solway, a Blackfoot filmmaker from Siksika Nation, uses storytelling to showcase local Indigenous musicians.

Register at <https://bit.ly/3AiDcS3>

## **September 30**

University of Lethbridge closed to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Please note: all events and activities are subject to COVID-19 protocol, including mandatory masking, rapid testing/vaccine attestation, and other safety requirements.

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