



For immediate release — Friday, September 22, 2023

Truth and Reconciliation Week garners campus focus

Please join the University of Lethbridge campus community in honouring Truth and Reconciliation Week, Sept. 25-28, and specifically the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Saturday, Sept. 30.

From September 25-28, University of Lethbridge (Iniskim) will honour Truth and Reconciliation Week. This is a time to learn and reflect on how ULethbridge, as an institution, and each of us, as individuals, will address and answer the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

One of the key events of the week takes place Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 11:30 a.m., in the University Hall Atrium with the Iniskim Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action Challenge launch. This important event is designed to engage the campus community in personal actions that will foster reconciliation on campus and within the community.

There will be no classes and University offices will be closed on Friday, Sept. 29 to allow space for reflection. The University's decision to observe this day is consistent with the ULethbridge commitment to indigenization, and specifically the Truth and Reconciliation process.

Media are welcome to attend any of the following:

Monday, September 25:

10:30–11 a.m. | Smudging ceremony with Elder-in-Residence Cathy Hunt | [Details here](#)

11 a.m.–noon | Tea and Talk with Iikaiskini Indigenous Services | [Details here](#)

2–3:30 p.m. | Film screening of *The Pass System* | [Details here](#)

Tuesday, September 26:

10 a.m.–3 p.m. | *Sticker, button and medicine bag making* | Iikaiskini (Low Horn) Gathering Centre (W650)

10:30–11:30 a.m. | Indigenous literature student presentations | [Details here](#)

11:30 a.m.–noon | Iniskim Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action Challenge launch | [Details here](#)

12:30–3:30 p.m. | Orange Shirt Pin beading workshop | [Details here](#)

Wednesday, September 27:

2–2:30 p.m. | Roots of Growth memorial walk | [Details here](#)

3–4:30 p.m. | Author reading and book signing with Louise Halfe | [Details here](#)

Thursday, September 28:

11 a.m. –3 p.m. | Indigenous Art Market | UHall Atrium

Noon – 2 p.m. | Ending TRC in a “Good Way” lunch | [Details here](#)

1:30–2:30 p.m. | Closing keynote with Dr. Tiffany Prete | [Details here](#)

Friday, September 29:

No events. University offices closed.

[Learn more about Truth and Reconciliation and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30.](#)

Interview opportunities:

Tuesday, September 26

11:30 a.m. | UHall Atrium

Please join Dr. Digvir Jayas, President and Vice-Chancellor, and Dr. Leroy Little Bear, Vice-Provost, Iniskim Indigenous Relations for the [Iniskim Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action Challenge Launch](#).

Wednesday, September 27

3-4:30 p.m. | Markin Hall Atrium (M1048)

**Media availability from 2:15-2:45 p.m.

Please join us for a special event with renowned author, social worker and Cree Elder Louise Halfe (Sky Dancer), [Canada’s ninth parliamentary poet laureate](#). She will do a reading from [awâsis – kinky and dishevelled](#) and a book signing.

Available to interview:

- Louise B. Halfe, author, Cree Elder and Canada’s Parliamentary Poet Laureate
- Tara Million, assistant professor in the Department of Indigenous Studies
- David Kootnikoff, instructor in the Department of English
- Shannon McAlorum, University librarian

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