

Truth and Reconciliation Events at U of T Scarborough September 24 to October 22, 2021

Ongoing Virtual Event - deadline for submission September 30

UTSC Takes Action Video Capsule

Join us in this video capsule project as we recognize Truth and Reconciliation Week 2021 by sharing the work our U of T Scarborough community has been doing to answer the 94 Calls to Action.

We are filming via Capsule - a video content platform. The platform will give you 60 seconds to record your response. All you need is your webcam - no downloading or uploading needed! Record your answer at [UTSC takes Action - Powered by Capsule](#) to the statement below-

Please share something you did to answer one of the 94 Calls to Action on campus.

Please submit your video no later than **Sept. 30, 2021**. When filming, please make sure to **introduce yourself** and **what you do at U of T Scarborough**. In the case you'd like to re-film, you can simply refresh the page. The maximum duration of the video clip is a minute, and this process should take less than 5 minutes of your time to complete! At the end of filming, you will be asked to input your name and location. **Under the prompt for 'location,' please include your role at U of T Scarborough instead.**

Help us plant seeds of change around reconciliation by sharing your actions. Please reach out to Juanita Muise, U of T Scarborough's Indigenous Engagement Coordinator, at juanita.muise@utoronto.ca if you have any questions.

“chi-miiqwech” which means “big thank you” in Anishinaabemowin also known as Ojibwa.

Friday September 24, 2021 1:30pm to 3:30pm (In-Person)

Orange Shirt Beading Workshop #1

Event Description:

This **in-person, hands-on** orange shirt beading workshop's purpose is to offer the U of T Scarborough community an opportunity for Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples to have healthy conversations about the Indian Residential School system in Canada. All people are welcome and no previous experience is necessary.

In this workshop, participants will learn about the practice/tradition of beading, and they will also hear stories of Indigenous peoples as they bead. We will discuss the origins of the orange shirt story, which started when Phyllis (Jack) Webstad was six years old, and was taken to residential school in an orange shirt. That orange shirt got taken away from her, along with her hair, language, culture, community, and rights. Her story has grown into a commemoration project and reunion event for residential school survivors. Orange Shirt Day is now recognized as a federal statutory holiday. This workshop honours the purpose of the day, and promotes shared conversations in the spirit of reconciliation.

The workshop is limited to 25 participants and is two hours long. It is facilitated by Indigenous students from U of T Scarborough. Participants will be provided with all the materials and instruction to create a beaded pin of an orange shirt that they can keep.

Accessibility: This workshop is not accessible to some people with visual impairments. Participants must have use of their hands/fingers as some fine motor skills are required for beading. This activity takes place while seated.

Registration Link:

[Orange Shirt Beading Workshop #1 Registration Form](#)

Monday September 27, 2021 11:00am - 2:00pm (In Person)

Introduction to Indigenous Agriculture with Isaac Crosby: Harvesting the Three Sisters

Hosted by: Indigenous plant/agricultural knowledge keeper Isaac Crosby, the Campus Farm, and the Department of Sociology.

Event Description: In this three-hour hands-on workshop, participants will learn about Indigenous agricultural techniques with Isaac Crosby, and then they will help to harvest the corn, beans, and squash from the Three Sisters mounds that were planted in May 2021.

Back up rain date: Fri Oct 1st 11-2pm

Participants: 15 registrants

Cost: Free for participants

Note: Participants must be able to be on their feet for the duration of the event; must be able/willing to help with gardening tasks; wear closed-toe shoes, long pants, and a hat, wear a mask, and sunscreen is advisable.

Registration Link:

<https://harvesting-thethreesisters.eventbrite.ca>

Monday September 27, 2021 5:00pm - 6:30pm (Virtual Event)

The Home Project: Exploring Cultural Drumming & Music at Home

Event Description:

The Home Project is a series of visual, creative, and learning events to address the many facets that come with the idea of 'home'. This virtual/online event will be hosted as part of Truth and Reconciliation Week and will highlight local and global communities that have cultural drumming and music as a key piece of their identity. We want you to participate in a space that celebrates how we are all connected through the heartbeat of the drum. Hosted by the U of T Scarborough Indigenous Outreach Program, Office of Student Experience & Well-Being.

Registration Link:

<https://utoronto.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYudemprj8pHdSxVCUWe37AN-zDgDKa8K6d>

Tuesday September 28, 2021 1:00pm - 2:00pm (Virtual Event)

Series of Talks with Indigenous Artists

Event Description:

U of T Scarborough Indigenous Engagement Coordinator Juanita Muise moderates a series of talks with Indigenous artists from across Canada, sharing their stories of cultural revitalization and the role it plays in their practice. Indigenous Canadians for generations have fought for their traditions in the wake of attempted assimilation and systemic oppression. Presented by the Indigenous Outreach Program at the University of Toronto Scarborough in collaboration with the Doris McCarthy Gallery, this program will celebrate and recognize the work of Indigenous artists who are keeping alive cultural practices and taking action for 7 generations to come.

Marking Truth and Reconciliation Week, this September session of the program features Mi'kmaq painter Marcus Gosse.

This talk is open to the public, all are welcome. After registering, attendees will be provided with a Zoom link to join the talk virtually.

Registration Link:

<https://indigenous-artist-share-sept2021.eventbrite.ca>

Wednesday September 29, 2021 9:30am - 11:30am (In Person)

Orange Shirt Beading Workshop #2**Event Description:**

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Registration Link:

[Orange Shirt Beading Workshop #2 Registration Form](#)

Wednesday September 29, 2021 12:00pm - 2:00pm (Virtual Event)

U of T Indigenous Book Club**Event Description:**

Come Join the U of T Indigenous Book Club as we celebrate Truth & Reconciliation Week. Learn about various books, podcasts, & other media by Indigenous peoples of Canada. The event will conclude with a sharing circle where participants will select 3 items that participants will read or listen to for the next event in November.

The Indigenous Book club is a tri-campus initiative started at the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) Campus Department of Student Life in collaboration with the UTSC Library. The Book Club's goals are to foster a space of collaboration, sharing, inquiry, and respect amongst faculty, staff, and students through the discovery and awareness of Indigenous authors and themes.

Participants will learn about Indigenous themes and engage in conversations on different Indigenous perspectives that help with addressing obligations, responsibilities, solidarity, and supporting resistance of Indigenous peoples of Canada.

Registration Link:

https://utoronto.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlsdumqrj8pHNJaprbmXd_ews83CeTIF8VA

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the book club.

Thursday September 30, 2021 2:00pm - 3:30pm (Virtual event)

Orange Shirt Day Tri-Campus Webinar

Event Description: Join us for a virtual event on Orange Shirt Day, a national movement in recognition of the experiences of survivors of residential schools in Canada. In the spirit of reconciliation and healing, Canadians are asked to wear an orange shirt on this day to acknowledge that every child matters. Whether you are working or going to school online or in-person, wear your orange shirt on September 30th, 2021 to show your solidarity with Indigenous peoples.

Important note in order to access the session, all attendees must preregister for the Zoom session. Following registration, the Zoom link and password will be automatically sent!

Preregistration Link:

https://harthouse-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VnomHMHZTYCouUyeNggTtw

Thursday September 30, 2021 5:00pm - 6:00pm (Virtual Event for internal/external community)

Explore the 94 Calls to Action

Event Description:

Come Join our circle for reconciliation as we explore the 94 calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and set goals for change as a community. Canada's new Governor General Mary Simon stated on her installation this past July, "My view is that reconciliation is a way of life and requires work every day. Reconciliation is getting to know one another." Hosted by the U of T Scarborough Indigenous Outreach Program, Office of Student Experience & Well-Being.

Registration Link:

https://utoronto.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqdOqsqDwsEtCNLIUjYw2AEkPMyRD_o9gd

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Friday October 1, 2021 11:00am - 12:00pm (Virtual Event)

UTSC's Unity Celebration: Calls to Action

Event Description:

Come join Juanita Muise, U of T Scarborough's Indigenous Engagement Coordinator, virtually to acknowledge the work being done on our campus around reconciliation and the calls to action. See how our student community, faculty, and staff are taking action in solidarity. #Truth #UTSCcallstoaction.

Registration Link:

https://utoronto.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkd-6tqDoqGd0aserDSa7YKJctU5aCDk_a

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Tuesday October 5, 2021, 12:00pm - 3:00pm (In Person)

Introduction to Indigenous Agriculture with Isaac Crosby: Putting Gardens to Bed for the Winter

Hosted by: Indigenous plant/agricultural knowledge keeper Isaac Crosby, the Campus Farm, and the Department of Sociology.

Event Description: In this three-hour, hands-on workshop, participants will learn about Indigenous agricultural techniques with Isaac Crosby, and then they will help to put Three Sisters gardens and medicine gardens to rest for the winter season. This will involve laying a cover crop and sorting/labelling seeds that we are keeping for next season and other gardening tasks.

Back up rain date: Fri Oct 8, 12pm-3pm.

Participants: 15 registrants

Cost: Free for participants

Note: Participants must be able to be on their feet for the duration of the event; must be able/willing to help with gardening tasks; wear closed-toe shoes, long pants, and a hat, wear a mask, and sunscreen is advisable.

Registration Link:

<https://putting-gardens-to-bed.eventbrite.ca>

Friday October 22, 2021, 12:00pm - 3:00pm (In Person)

Introduction to Indigenous Agriculture with Isaac Crosby: Planting before Winter

Hosted by: Indigenous plant/agricultural knowledge keeper Isaac Crosby, the Campus Farm, and the Department of Sociology.

Event Description: In this three-hour, hands-on workshop, participants will learn about Indigenous agricultural techniques with Isaac Crosby, and then they will help to plant crops that go into the garden before winter, for next season. Participants will learn about, and help plant, potatoes and garlic in different kinds of soil. This will help us to learn which areas of the farm and which types of soil, and which agricultural techniques, are best suited for our project.

Back up rain date: Monday Oct 25, 12pm-3pm.

Participants: 15 registrants

Cost: Free for participants

Note: Participants must be able to be on their feet for the duration of the event; must be able/willing to help with gardening tasks; wear closed-toe shoes, long pants, and a hat, wear a mask, and sunscreen is advisable.

Registration Link:

<https://planting-before-winter.eventbrite.ca>