



Leadership Program for Racialized Youth

Cohort 1: Indigenous Solidarity



About the Program

The Leadership Program for Racialized Youth is for Youth (18-30 years) who identify as Indigenous, Black, People of Colour, 2SLGBTQIA+, or Newcomers. This program is also open to anyone who identifies as an ally. Each cohort will have 25-30 participants and will last 12-14 weeks.

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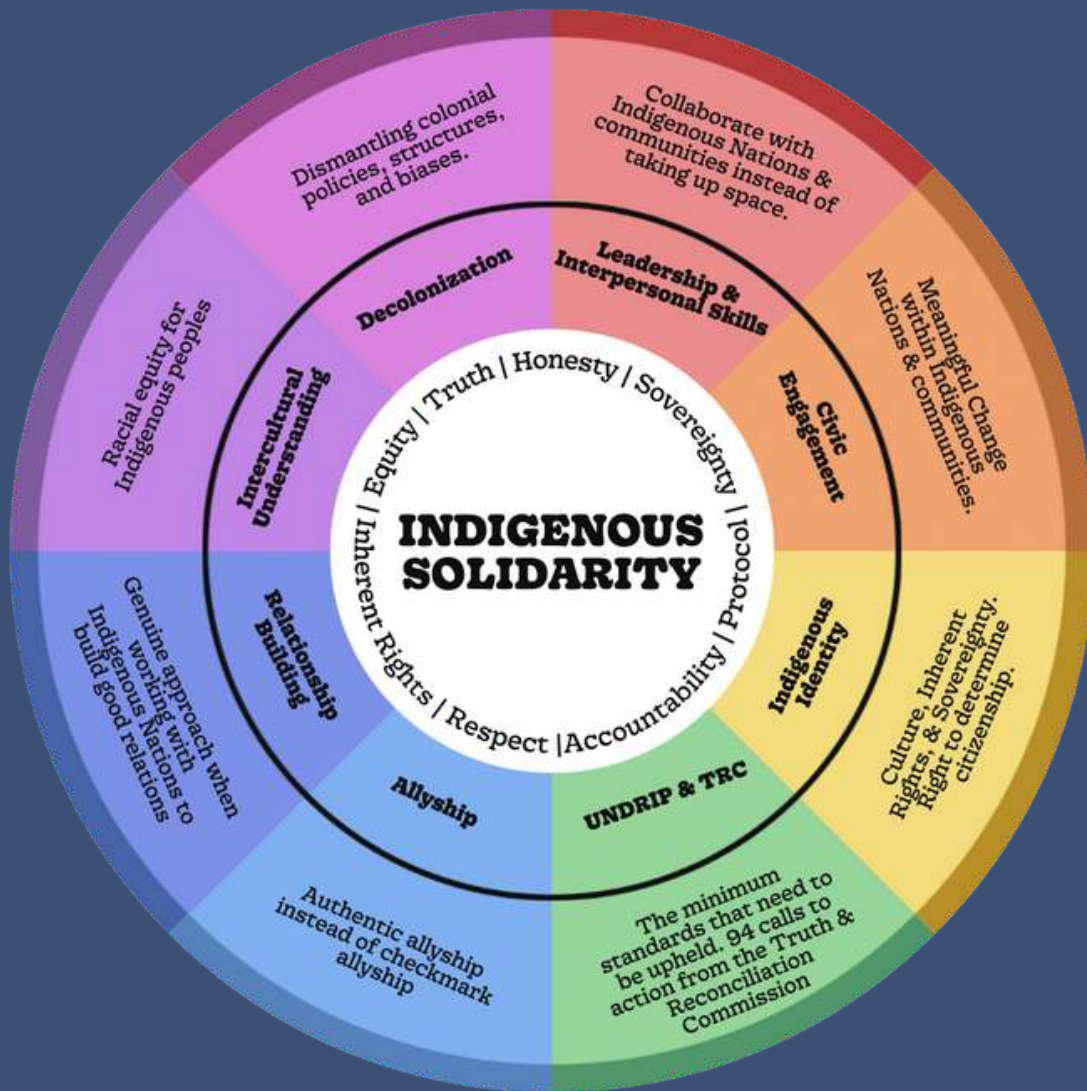
The first cohort of this program will focus on Indigenous Solidarity. We hope to launch this cohort in Fall 2022. Our Indigenous Education Specialist, Joshua Morin, is the creator and leader of this cohort.

- ✔ Learn about Indigenous Solidarity
- ✔ Build strong leadership & interpersonal skills to collaborate with Indigenous Nations & communities
- ✔ Gain knowledge about civic engagement to create meaningful change within Indigenous communities
- ✔ Promote intercultural understanding and equity for Indigenous Peoples
- ✔ Connect with professionals from different sectors, including Government, public service, Indigenous relations, and education

We hope to deliver this cohort in person (some sessions may take place virtually via Zoom). Light refreshments and snacks will be provided at each in-person session, with a feast at the end of the cohort. All participants will be provided with a certificate, a copy of the tool kit, and a beaded item.



Cohort Values



Session Breakdown

(Subject to change)

Session 1: Introduction to the Program

Land Acknowledgement | Smudge Ceremony | Sharing Circle | Introductions | Vision | Code of Ethics | Values

The first session will welcome Youth into a safe and open space. This session will allow participants to introduce themselves through a talking stick activity. The vision, objectives and purpose of the program will be discussed. We'll also cover what solidarity is and what Indigenous solidarity means.

Session 2: Who are the Indigenous peoples in Canada?

Land Acknowledgement | Indigenous Peoples in Canada | Storytelling

The second session will discuss the three Indigenous peoples in Canada, the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit, and how each nation has its own unique identity.

Session 3: What is an Ally & what does Civic Engagement mean?

Land Acknowledgement | Authentic Allyship V.S. Performative Allyship | Civic Engagement | Relationship Building

The third session will explore allyship and civic engagement.

Session 4: Understanding Truth before Reconciliation

Land Acknowledgement | Blanket Exercise | Talking Circle

The fourth session will welcome Knowledge Keeper, Sharon Morin from the Women of the Métis nation, who will lead a blanket exercise. A sharing circle will follow and will provide an opportunity for participants to share and be heard.

Session 5: Indigenous History

Land Acknowledgement | Field Trip

The fifth session will include a field trip to St. Albert to learn more about Indigenous History. Participants will visit the Michif Cultural Connections Company, the Healing Garden, the Grain Elevators, and the Métis river lots. We'll finish off the field trip with Stew & Bannock.

Session 6: Documentary Night

Land Acknowledgement | Documentary | Sharing Circle

The sixth session will feature a documentary. Reel Injun and Angry Inuk are being considered for the documentary night.



Breakdown Continued...

Session 7: Guest Speakers

Land Acknowledgement | Indigenous Speakers

In session seven, we'll be joined by a few Indigenous guest speakers from a wide range of backgrounds.

Session 8: Indigenous Engagement Coordinators

Land Acknowledgement | Indigenous Engagement Coordinators

Session eight will host a few Indigenous Engagement Coordinators from Edmonton and surrounding areas.

Session 9: Project to Benefit Indigenous Communities

Land Acknowledgement | Toolkit | Logo | Definitions | Pledge

In session nine, participants will begin building a Toolkit for a step-by-step guideline for Government and Private sector to work with Indigenous communities.

Session 10 to 14: Toolkit Project Continued

In sessions 10 to 14, participants will continue working on their toolkits. Session 14 will have a final sharing circle, smudge and potluck to close the cohort.

Session 15: Community Showcase

Community showcase | Celebration

In this session, participants will have the opportunity to share their toolkit with the community and highlight meaningful moments from the program. Light snacks and refreshments will be served.



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Questions?

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