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NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

JUNE 21, 2026

This resource was developed to help us understand, learn, connect and celebrate the unique heritage of Indigenous Peoples.

CBC Indigenous

News, stories, culture, arts, podcasts, and documentaries created by and for Indigenous communities. [Watch here](#)

Four Faces of the Moon

An Indigenous photographer travels through time to witness moments in her family's history: the legacy of the railway, the slaughter of the buffalo, and the impact of colonial land policies. Watch Amanda Strong's animated short documentary on [Youtube](#). (14 mins)

Indian Horse

The story follows the life of Canadian First Nations boy, Saul Indian Horse, as he survives residential school, a hockey career and the racism of the 1970s. A [book](#) and [film](#) are available about this captivating story of healing. (106 mins)

Jaat Sdihltl'ixa: Woman Who Returns

Heather didn't know she was Haida until she was 16. After visiting Haida Gwaii many times over the next twenty years, Heather realized she wanted to join her clan and receive her Haida name. [Watch the compelling documentary](#). (14 mins)

Kanehsatake: 270 Years of Resistance

Canadian documentary directed by Alanis Obomsawin. The film chronicles the 1990 Oka Crisis from the perspective of the Mohawk community, drawing on footage recorded during the 78-day standoff between Indigenous land defenders, Quebec police, and the Canadian Army. [Watch the film on the National Film Board of Canada website](#).



DISCOVER

National Film Board Indigenous Cinema

The National Film Board Indigenous Cinema Collection offers hundreds of free Indigenous-made films and documentaries. The NFB's Indigenous Cinema collection includes more than 400 titles by Indigenous creators. [Access the collection here.](#)

The Road Forward

The Road Forward is a 2017 Canadian musical documentary written and directed by Marie Clements. The film combines documentary storytelling with original musical performances to trace the history of Indigenous rights activism in Canada from the 1930s to the present, linking past struggles with contemporary movements. [You can watch the film here.](#)

The Secret Path

An animated film adaptation of Gord Downie's album and Jeff Lemire's graphic novel is a retelling of Chanie Wenjack's heartbreaking story about his residential school escape. [Watch online](#) and learn about how his death set forth the first inquest into the treatment of Indigenous children in Canadian residential schools. (129 mins)

This River

When the body of a 14-year-old girl was pulled from Winnipeg's Red River in 2014, it started a public outcry and renewed calls for a national inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women. [View this film](#) as it follows volunteers searching trying to find answers surrounding the disappearances and murder of their loved ones. (20 min)

We Were Children

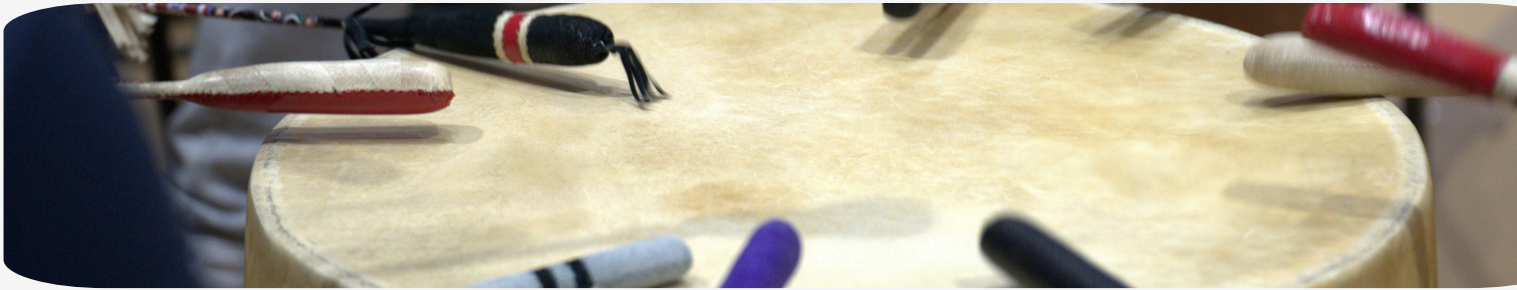
In this feature film, the profound impact of the Canadian government's residential school system is conveyed through the eyes of two children, Lyna and Glen, who were forced to face hardships beyond their years. [View their emotional story online.](#) (84 mins)



CONNECT

“All my relations means everything is connected... we are part of each other and responsible to each other.”

Thomas King



Indigenous Language Online Courses

Starting June 16

Open to all learners, these courses offer an introduction to Indigenous languages and the vital role they play in preserving culture, knowledge, and community connections. Join us to support language revitalization and take the first step in your learning journey.

National Indigenous Peoples Day Festival 2026

June 18 - 21

Join Art Windsor Essex for a vibrant celebration of Indigenous cultures featuring art, storytelling, performances, community conversations, and hands-on activities for all ages. This festival offers an opportunity to learn, connect, and celebrate the rich heritage and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis peoples.

Windsor Indigenous Solidarity Day - community gathering, Mic Mac Park

June 21, 12 pm - 3:30 pm

Co-presented by [Art Windsor-Essex](#), this community gathering is organized by Can-Am Urban Native Homes with support from the Indigenous Peoples Day Committee.

Location: Mic Mac Park, Main Pavilion, 1125 Prince Rd, Windsor, ON

Indigenous History Month Celebration Competition Powwow

June 26, 12 pm - 9 pm

Experience a vibrant celebration of Indigenous culture, traditions, music, dance, and community connection. This annual gathering welcomes families, community members, visitors, and partners from across the region for a day of cultural learning, unity, and celebration.



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Caldwell First Nation Pow Wow - August 26-27

Join Caldwell First Nation's 2026 Competition Pow Wow, a vibrant celebration of Indigenous culture, community, and tradition. All are welcome to experience dancing, drumming, singing, and the spirit of connection and resilience.

Six Nations Tourism

Experience Haudenosaunee culture in Six Nations through tours, artisans, events, and Indigenous-owned businesses. Season opens **June 27** with the **Tourism Welcome Centre Grand Opening**.

Awaken Your Spirit (Chatham-Kent)

A hands-on Indigenous cultural experience that includes stories, drumming, teachings, and encounters with Ojibwe Spirit Horses. This experience was developed in collaboration with Indigenous Tourism Ontario.

Indigenous Experience Ontario

Explore rich history, cultures, traditions, and cuisine of Indigenous Peoples through authentic experiences across Ontario.

Indigenous Historical Sites in Windsor Essex (Tourism Windsor-Essex)

Recognizing the Indigenous culture in our area is important as it is the basis of many traditions, customs, language and our connections to the land and life-sustaining resources. Explore the many interesting facts, attractions and points of interest here in Windsor Essex that relate to Indigenous History.



[A Road To Understanding Indigenous Culture](#)

[First Peoples Research Guide - Leddy Library](#)

[Indigenous Canada \(Free Online Course\)](#)

[Indigenous Communities and Organizations](#)

[Indigenous Knowledges](#)

[Influential Indigenous Authors - The Canadian Encyclopedia](#)

[Library Resources](#)

[Native Land Digital](#)

[North America's 1st treaty agreements were recorded in Wampum Belts](#)



LEARN



Pow Wows and Etiquette - Indigenous Corporate Training

- [A primer on Indigenous Pow Wows](#)
- [Indigenous Pow Wow Protocols](#)
- [Indigenous Pow Wow Dances](#)

Residential Schools - Leddy Library

Teach & Learn - Indigenous Curriculum blog

The McKee Treaty of 1790

The Truth the Wampum Tells - Indigenous Education & Services at George Brown College

Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

Turtle Island

WAMPUM TALK: We Are All Treaty People

