

Enhancing Your Land Acknowledgement Practice

Land acknowledgements have become regular practice at the start of meetings, public events and gatherings. They are done to recognize the unique and enduring relationship that exists between First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples and their territories, as well as the the history of colonialism, and a need for change in settler colonial societies. Land Acknowledgements can also be a tool and way to ground a meeting in truth, reconciliation and equity, and interrupt our default ways of gathering and engaging with others.

How can you be more meaningful in your land acknowledgement? Consider the suggested steps outlined below. Use the reflective questions to guide your work. Take it further and explore our suggested resources including how-to guides, webinars, and youtube videos. Learn more about the purpose of land and territorial acknowledgements, and how you can take it beyond a performative gesture.

Take the Next Steps

- Learn about the land you live, work and play on. Learn about the First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples and communities that historically have lived on the land. Check out this resource: [Whose Land](#)
- Research the territorial and or treaty history of the land and the Indigenous communities that are stewards of the land. Check out this resource: [Treaty Research Reports](#)

- Learn more about the stories, traditions, songs and cultural practices of the Indigenous communities that live on the land. Share your learnings and reflections as part of the Land Acknowledgement.
- Think about your own relationship to the land and the actions you are taking towards truth and reconciliation. What is your relationship to the issues impacting the communities that live on the land?
- As part of your Land Acknowledgement, pose a reflection question or a call to action for your community and participants to consider.

Reflective Questions

- Why acknowledge the territory and the land?
- What is the history of the land and territory? What are the impacts of colonialism here?
- What is your relationship to the land? How did you come to be here?
- How does this land acknowledgement relate to your work or the event you are hosting?

**Need further guidance? Want to learn more?
Check out the resources listed on the next page!**

Additional Resources

Land Acknowledgement Guides

- Association of Municipalities of Ontario - [Guidance on Traditional Land Acknowledgement Statements](#)
- Raven Trust - [Making a Meaningful Land Acknowledgement and Building Relationships](#)
- First Nations Health Authority - [Territory Acknowledgements](#)
- Len Pierre - [Transformative Territory Acknowledgement Guide](#)

Videos and Webinars

- In Our Voices: Sheridan's Indigenous Community and Allies - [In Our Voices: Land Acknowledgement](#)
- Naomi Bob - Indigenous Voices on Reconciliation - [Why are land acknowledgments important?](#)
- University of Guelph - [Land Acknowledgements and Why They Matter](#)
- University of Alberta - [Territorial Acknowledgements: Going Beyond the Script](#)
- Len Pierre Webinar - [Transformative Territory Acknowledgement](#)
- The Gord Downie and Chanie Wenjack Fund Webinar - [Creating Your Own Land Acknowledgement](#)

Reflection Song

- Kairos Canada and Tasheena Sarazin - [National Indigenous History Month](#)