**Calendar of Indigenous Events**

**National Indigenous History Month**

**June 2019**

**GTA**

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[**https://www.eventbrite.ca/d/canada--toronto/indigenous/**](https://www.eventbrite.ca/d/canada--toronto/indigenous/)

June 11: **Medicine Wheel Teachings - Indigenize Our Minds Education Week.** 10-11am and 1:00-2:00pm. $20. Participate in our cultural introduction, identity meaningful connections between various aspects of creation, learn how the Medicine Wheel Teachings apply to your daily life and participate in a Medicine Wheel activity to help apply these teachings. Presented by Native Canadian Centre, 16 Spadina Road Toronto.

June 11: **Indigenous Cultural Competency Training.** 9:30am-4:30pm. $249. This full-day training will provide Indigenous and non-Indigenous attendees with an overview on today’s Indigenous culture and how the historical and current experiences shape misinformed views of Indigenous people. Native Canadian Centre of Toronto, 16 Spadina Road Toronto.

# June 12: Indigenous Environmental Justice Project. 6:30-7:30pm. Free. Members of the Indigenous Environmental Justice Project (IEJ Project) will introduce the concepts of environmental justice and will present recent research findings. The IEJ Project is a SSHRC-funded initiative based out of York University whose research aims to develop a distinctive environmental justice framework that is informed by Indigenous knowledge systems, laws, concepts of justice and the lived experiences of Indigenous peoples. Presented by Toronto Public Library Learning Circles. Lillian H. Smith Library, 239 College Street, Toronto.

# June 13: Indian Horse - Indigenous Heritage Movie. 7-10pm. Free. A Canadian First Nations boy manages to survive a residential school in the 1970s. And plays hockey. Rated 14A. Presented by Toronto Public Library Learning Circles. Lillian H. Smith Library, 239 College Street, Toronto.

June 14: **Ontario Public Service Pride Lunch and Learn with Marie Laing.** 12:00-1:00pm. Free.

During this one hour session, Marie Laing will talk about her research on the experiences of young trans, two-spirit and queer Indigenous people and the ways in which they use and understand the term two-spirit. Ontario Trillium Foundation, 800 Bay Street, 5th Floor, Boardrooms A & B, Toronto.

## June 18-23: **7th Annual Indigenous Arts Festival. Times vary**. Free. An annual celebration of traditional and contemporary Indigenous music, drumming, dance, theatre, storytelling, film, crafts and food. Presented by Fort York and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, with the support of the Native Men's Residence (Na-Me-Res), the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto and many other partners. Fort York National Historic Site, 250 Fort York Blvd., Toronto.

## June 18: **Health Justice Tuesdays - Health, Law, And Indigenous Peoples.** 12:30–1:30pm. Free. Co-presented by Melissa Stevenson, Dr. Fatima Uddin, and Emily Hill, this seminar will explore access to justice for indigenous peoples as a key social determinant of health. Presented by The Health Justice Program - Health Justice Tuesdays, St. Michael's Hospital, Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute, Room 240, 209 Victoria Street, Toronto.

June 19: **Screening of Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts.** 7:00pm. Free. Doctrine of Discovery examines a devastating decision, made over 500 years ago, which continues to profoundly impact Indigenous and Settler people worldwide. In 1493, Pope Alexander VI ruled that the lands being discovered by European explorers at the time were “empty” and its millions of Indigenous inhabitants were “non-human”. Presented by the Diocese of Niagara, Christ's Church Cathedral, 252 James Street North, Hamilton.

June 20: **First Contact Screening and Panel Discussion.** 6:30-9:00pm. Free. Screening of APTN's **“First Contact”,** which takes six Canadians, all with stereotypical opinions about Indigenous People, on a unique 28-day exploration of Indigenous Canada. Cast members, Ashley and Jamie-Sue will participate in a panel discussion with Chief Stacey Laforme. Presented by Oakville Community Foundation & Oakville Partnership on Truth & Reconciliation, Black Box Theatre-QEPCCC, 2302 Bridge Road, Oakville.

June 20: **Communal Table at the Indigenous Arts Festival: Roots to Table with Pow Wow Café.** 6:30 PM – 9:00pm. $12. The Bentway and the Fort York have partnered with Carolynne Crawley, to organize an event to gather together for meaningful conversation with one another through the learning of traditional Indigenous foods and its relationship with people today. The event includes guest speakers, vendors, and music throughout the evening. A delicious feast will be catered by Pow Wow Cafe. This dinner will be accompanied by music from throat-singer Linda Airut, as well as presentations from Crystal Sinclair, founder of *Idle No More* and Allan Colley of *Aboriginal Eco Tours*. Fort York National Historic Site, 250 Fort York Boulevard, Toronto.

June 21: **Indigenous Development Conference.** Fri. 7:00am-Sun. 6:00pm. $150-$175. **The purpose of this conference is to bring together experienced educators, elders and knowledge carriers, working in the field of education and employment assistance, Indigenous arts, health wellness and Justice, culture awareness or education, and poverty reduction.** Presented by Branches of Native Development, Pier 4 Park, 64 Leander Drive, Hamilton.

June 22: **Dancing Towards Reconciliation: KAIROS Blanket Exercise**. 1:00-4:00pm. Free. The KAIROS Blanket Exercise program is a unique, interactive and participatory history lesson developed in collaboration with Indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers and educators. During the KBE, participants walk on blankets representing the land and into the role of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples by reading scrolls and carrying cards which ultimately determine their outcome as they literally ‘walk’ through situations that include pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization and resistance. 2700 Bristol Circle, Oakville.

June 26: **Indigenizing Cities with Douglas Cardinal.** 6:00-8:00pm. Free. Following the short keynote, award-winning Indigenous architect Douglas Cardinal will be joined with Lindsay (Swooping Hawk) Kretschmer and Riley Yesno for conversation and reflection. Evergreen Brick Works, 550 Bayview Avenue, Toronto.

June 29**: Indigenous Heritage & Clay Creations with Gardiner Museum.** 2:30-4:30. Free. In honour of Indigenous History Month, draw inspiration from the Gardiner Museums' Inuit Collection and try your hand at clay! Participants will hand-build with clay, learning various modelling techniques including pinch, coil and slab. All materials provided. **Adult** **workshop**. **Register at 416-396-8970. Space limited.** Toronto Public Library, Malvern District Library, 30 Sewells Rd., Scarborough.