



**For the child taken,
For the parent left behind.**

The Indian Residential School Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada will hold a 3-day public gathering at the **Pacific Coliseum** in Vancouver from September 18-21, 2013.

In recognition of this national event
The University of British Columbia has **suspended all classes**
Wednesday, September 18, 2013 to encourage attendance at the **Pacific Coliseum.**

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC): www.trc.ca/

“What is the TRC? The TRC is a component of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement. Its mandate is to gather survivor testimony and government and institutional records and to inform all Canadians about what happened in Indian Residential Schools. The Commission has a five-year mandate and is supported by a TRC Secretariat, which is a federal government department.

What does the TRC hope to achieve? The TRC hopes to guide and inspire Aboriginal peoples and Canadians in a process of reconciliation and renewed relationships that are based on mutual understanding and respect.

What will the TRC do? The TRC will prepare a comprehensive historical record on the policies and operations of the schools and produce a report that will include recommendations to the Government of Canada concerning the IRS system and its legacy. The Commission is hosting seven national events in different regions across Canada to promote awareness and public education about the IRS system and its impacts. A national research center will be established by the end of the TRC mandate that will be a permanent resource for all Canadians.” www.trc.ca/

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Engaging Students in the Indian Residential School Truth and Reconciliation Commission: A Guide for UBC Faculty

Prepared by UBC's Volunteer TRC Working Group

The Indian Residential School Truth and Reconciliation Commission is important for all Canadians. UBC faculty are asked to take a leadership role in teaching and learning about the legacy of the Indian Residential Schools.

What can you do?

1. Attend the September 18 event at the **Pacific Coliseum**.
2. Encourage your students to attend the September 18 event at the **Pacific Coliseum**. This might entail informing students that you will be attending this event and explaining why it is important for them to be doing so as well.
3. Incorporate material about Indian Residential Schools into class teachings. This could include inviting in a speaker, showing a film, as well as including relevant readings/assignments in your course.
4. Assist with information dissemination about the event. Help us to get the word out (e.g., distribute this flyer).

UBC Resources

1. A basic introduction to Indian Residential School history and other matters, videos of UBC events that add considerable depth, and information on a range of other core topics. <http://indigenousfoundations.arts.ubc.ca/>
2. UBC's First Nations House of Learning website collates information and events about Indian Residential Schools and the TRC available at: <http://irsi.aboriginal.ubc.ca>.

Additional

The TRC working group is a volunteer group faculty and staff from the Faculty of Arts and the First Nations House of Learning formed to assist UBC faculty, staff, and students meaningfully engage with this event. Most fields have some overlap with this issue; if you can provide your colleagues with useful ideas or readings this would be wonderful. If you have plans/ideas the TRC group will assist you in whatever way we can to bring them to fruition.

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