

Truth and Reconciliation 2026

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September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. On this day, we encourage our lawyers, paralegals, legal assistants, students and staff to take steps to further our knowledge and understanding of the history and ongoing impacts of residential schools, and to honour and remember the children who never returned home, Survivors, their families and communities.



Learning and Reconciliation

Publicly acknowledging and honouring this day is an important part of the reconciliation process, as outlined in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action.

TDS supports practices that address the Calls to Action directed at the justice system, particularly **Call to Action #27**, which calls for cultural competency training for lawyers, including education on the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal-Crown relations.

"We call upon the Federation of Law Societies of Canada to ensure that lawyers receive appropriate cultural competency training, which includes the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal-Crown relations. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism."

At TDS

We encourage our TDS community to use this day as an opportunity to learn, listen and reflect, and to participate in educational and commemorative events taking place throughout Winnipeg, Manitoba and across Canada.

As a symbol of support, TDS provides orange t-shirts to all team members.

2026 Events and Programming

Truth and Reconciliation Week

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation's Truth and Reconciliation Week took place from **September 21 to 25, 2026**, offering educational programming and resources focused on the history and legacy of residential schools and the path toward reconciliation.

Explore Truth and Reconciliation Week 2026

Southern Chiefs' Organization Healing Walk and Pow Wow

The Southern Chiefs' Organization is hosting its **6th Annual Orange Shirt Day Healing Walk and Pow Wow** on September 30 in Winnipeg.

Learn more about the Orange Shirt Day Healing Walk and Pow Wow

Remembering the Children

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, APTN and CBC/Radio-Canada are presenting **Remembering the Children**, a national commemorative gathering on September 30 featuring Survivors, Elders, Indigenous leaders and First Nations, Inuit and Métis artists. The program will be broadcast live from Parliament Hill beginning at 12 p.m. ET.

Learn more about Remembering the Children

Manitoba Museum Orange Shirt Days

The Manitoba Museum is offering **Orange Shirt Days from September 30 to October 2, 2026**, including free admission and programming focused on the history of residential schools and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

Explore Orange Shirt Days programming

Additional Resources

- **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Government of Canada**
- **National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation**
- **Southern Chiefs' Organization - Orange Shirt Day 2026**
- **Manitoba Museum - Orange Shirt Days 2026**
- **Shared Health - Orange Shirt Day Information**

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