



CIRCLE 

7080 Community Indigenous Resource Committee for Learning & Education

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AGENDA

- What is CIRCLE?
- Partnership with HIP
- Truth & Reconciliation Reports & other resources
- Take action and reach out!
- Links and contact info


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CIRCLE Mission

To act as a resource group to clubs in Rotary International District 7080 who:

- Wish to enlarge their knowledge about indigenous traditions, culture and protocol; and/or
- Seek the opportunity to collaborate with indigenous groups.

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CIRCLE Activities

- Provide information about Indigenous issues, events and projects to 7080 clubs via:
 - the CIRCLE website
 - quarterly updates
 - club visits &
 - information sessions



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HIP Honouring Indigenous People



Understanding the past, moving forward together



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HIP Honouring Indigenous People

Mission

- Support education of indigenous people in all its forms
- Promote understanding and awareness of the culture, history and issues of indigenous people to Rotarians and others



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HIP Honouring Indigenous People

- Members include Rotary clubs and Rotarians from Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta
- 50% of HIP Board members are indigenous, 50% are Rotarians
- HIP is guided by the Two Row Wampum belt



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Resources

- Educational resources – articles, reports, books, films & documentaries
- Links to Indigenous resource groups
- Events, presentations & speakers list
- Information on projects & service opportunities
- HIP monthly newsletters & CIRCLE quarterly updates



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Truth & Reconciliation Reports

- For six years the TRC investigated what happened at the residential schools in Canada, which were in operation for well over 100 years; their reports were released in June & December 2015
- The 94 recommendations in the Calls to Action report establish a plan of action



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HOW CAN YOUR CLUB TAKE ACTION?

- Read the Truth & Reconciliation reports – take the TRC Reading Challenge at trcreadingchallenge.com
- Check out CIRCLE and HIP websites frequently
- Reconciliation lecture series at Laurier Brantford, next dates are January 25th and February 28th
- Woodland Cultural Centre Survivor Series, Brantford, 2017 dates TBA
- Jan 24th – Mar 7th, edX MOOC Reconciliation Through Indigenous Education – www.edx.org



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HOW CAN YOUR CLUB TAKE ACTION?

- Use the posted educational resources to learn about indigenous issues, history, traditions & knowledge
- Honour the traditional territories at your meetings
 - Go to native-land.ca and enter your city or town
- Plan to have a CIRCLE & HIP program for one of your meetings or arrange for an indigenous speaker (Speakers List is available on the HIP website)



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HOW CAN YOUR CLUB TAKE ACTION?

- Identify a CIRCLE Champion for your Club
- Make a donation to and/or join HIP – individual or Club lifetime membership is \$100
- Contact your local Friendship Centre or Indigenous service organization
- Visit a First Nation community, participate in a Pow Wow and/or a cultural activity, e.g. a KAIROS Blanket exercise
- Support a project championed by a 7080 club or participate in a HIP recommended project



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7080 Club Projects

- Burlington North – OneXOne First Nations School Breakfast Program; \$12,800CAD raised
- Guelph – BHENY Better Hearing in Education for Northern Youth; contact Terrie Jarvis
- Oakville Trafalgar – University of Sudbury First Nations Scholarship; contact Claire Conway
- Palgrave & Etobicoke– First Nation Hockey Equipment Drive; shipments to 6 FN communities will be going out later this month



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7080 Club Projects

- RC Palgrave and several other groups have joined in a partnership Canada150 project with DAREarts First Roots and the Stratford Festival
- Team is traveling to 4 communities where youth engage in multi-arts workshops, sharing traditional stories involving a bear; the works created will be the frame of reference for a new play about a polar bear encountering change in the Canadian north
- The *Breathing Hole* will premiere at Stratford in August 2017



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HIP Recommended Projects

- Participate in a HIP recommended project
- HIP website www.rotaryhip.com
 - Contact & Donations > Approved Projects.
 - Contact & Donations > Pitch Your Project



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HIP In-Kind

- Introduced in November 2016
- Partnership with Trucks for Change, Wasaya Airlines, Mackie Transport & Gardwine Transport to reduce the cost of shipping goods to remote communities
- To-date goods have been sent to 15 communities
- Contact John Currie, newly appointed Director of In-Kind Donations



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HOW CAN YOUR CLUB TAKE ACTION?

The hope is that the actions initiated by Rotary through groups like CIRCLE and HIP will help to reconcile the past and create harmony in the future between indigenous and non-indigenous Canadians.



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REACH OUT

TRC Reading Challenge –
<http://trcreadingchallenge.com>

**edX MOOC Reconciliation Through
Indigenous Education – www.edx.org**
Course code IndEdu200x

Traditional Lands – <http://native-land.ca>



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REACH OUT

Rotary Club Projects

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Visit the CIRCLE Website

From the District website home page, display the drop-down menu for District Committees, then click on CIRCLE.



THANK-YOU!

Questions?
Comments?



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