



**Commit to Understanding and Reconciliation this
National Indigenous History Month and to Celebrate
National Indigenous Peoples Day June 21**

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada—an opportunity to celebrate and pay tribute to the rich histories, cultures, and perspectives of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities.

I hope you'll join us in recognizing this month and the special day on June 21 by deepening your appreciation of Indigenous cultures through some of the resources below, curated to guide you on this journey.



Indigenous Languages and Culture

Immerse yourself in the diverse languages, cultures, and arts of Indigenous Peoples with resources developed by Indspire's **Rivers to Success** program. Check out on-demand webinars and workshops, including:



- [Living Words, Living Strength: Shaping Meaning Through Indigenous Languages](#), a heartwarming pre-recorded discussion exploring multiple Indigenous languages through artistic expression.
- [Home Gardening: Medicines](#), an introduction to traditional Indigenous medicines including sage, tobacco, and sweet grass.
- [Living our Legacy: Exploring Pow Wow Dancing](#), an animated resource illustrating pow wow basics including regalia, styles of dance, and The Grand Entry.

The **Rivers to Success Language Series**, including:

- [Inuktitukt](#) with Donovan Gordon-Tootoo
- [Cree](#) with Jules Thomas
- [Mohawk](#) [with Dale Martin](#)



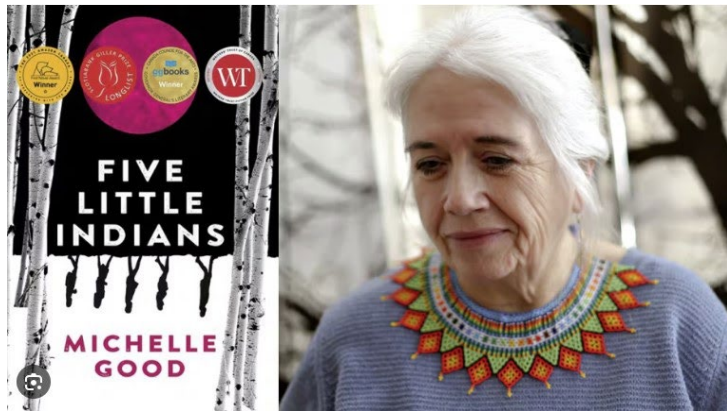
Indigenous Thought Leaders

Delve into the works of Indigenous creators, whose vibrant artistic and cultural expressions offer profound insights into Indigenous realities and perspectives. Engage with the visual art, music, radio, film, fashion, and prose produced by Indigenous artists listed on Indspire's [Donor Resources Page](#). Here are just a few examples to get you started:



- **Television:** *North of North* (CBC and Netflix), A young Inuk woman wants to build a new future for herself after a spontaneous exit from her marriage. It won't be easy in a small Arctic town where everybody knows your business.
- **Podcasts:** *All My Relations*, a podcast hosted by Matika Wilbur (Swinomish and Tulalip) and Temryss Lane (Lummi Nation) to explore our relationships— relationships to land, to our creatural relatives, and to one another.
- **Non-Fiction Books:** *21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act* by Bob Joseph, offering crucial insights into colonial policies.

- **Fictional Books:** *Five Little Indians* by beloved storyteller Michelle Good, a 2025 Indspire Awards Laureate.





Celebrate Indigenous Excellence

Celebrate extraordinary Indigenous accomplishments by tuning in to the Indspire Awards on **June 21st**, National Indigenous Peoples Day. This annual event showcases the remarkable contributions and compelling narratives of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis leaders. Catch the national broadcast at **7:00 p.m. EST on CBC and at 8 pm EST on APTN** to join us in honouring Indigenous excellence.

[Learn more about this year's Indspire Award Laureates](#)

Building a renewed relationship with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples requires mutual understanding, reciprocity, and respect. Your commitment to learning is a vital step toward reconciliation.