

BUILDING THE TOOLKIT



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workers in Winnipeg

OUTCOMES:

Introduction

This guide is intended to assist facilitators in introducing Newcomers to the foundational history of Indigenous nations and their historical and contemporary contributions to the development of Canada. This exploration is centred around First Nations' and Métis Nation perspectives on land and Treaties.

The activities are meant to fortify Immigration Partnership Winnipeg's mandate, which include commitments to:

- active participation and undertaking of tasks in a participatory manner
- and supporting the settlement and integration of immigrants.

When combined with leadership, teaching, and self-exploration, the following activities are intended to support personal growth and solidarity, and help Newcomers contribute to community reconciliation efforts.



Immigration
Partnership
Winnipeg

Facilitator's Guide: *Land and Treaties*

Indigenous Orientation Toolkit

Organization and Layout

This facilitator's guide is organized around ten activities, including opening and closing sessions. Times are estimated and can be shortened or lengthened depending on the audience. It is assumed the workshop would be held during a typical 9:00 am – 4:30 pm day, minus lunch and breaks, totalling six hours.

The role of the facilitator is to guide and deliver all pieces. Supplementary materials for teaching and learning follow each activity. Employ these materials based on your audience's background knowledge and familiarity with Indigenous peoples, Treaties, and land.

	Activity	Time	Objective
1	Opening and Introductions	20 minutes	Establish expectations for the day
2	Unpacking Treaty Acknowledgments	45 minutes	Identify benefits and beneficiaries of Treaties
3	Building Personal Connections	40 minutes	Relate to First Nation experience with Treaties and Treaty-making
BREAK			
4	Contextualising Treaty	30 minutes	Deepen understanding of Treaties
5	Exploring Worldviews: Land	30 minutes	Deepen awareness of Indigenous people's enduring relationship with land
LUNCH			
6	Blanket Exercise	60 minutes	Understand how colonization has impacted Indigenous people's relationships with land
7	Blanket Exercise Debrief	30 minutes	Reflect on the Blanket Exercise
BREAK			
8	Indigenous Resurgence	40 minutes	Create understanding and solidarity with land protection movements
9	Personal Action: What Now?	30 minutes	Provide a framework for critical reflection and informed action
10	Closing and Evaluations	35 minutes	Identify key takeaways for participants and close the day in a good way

Mino-bimaadziwin (Anishinaabe) or *Mino-pimatisiwin* (Cree) – 'living the good life'

UPCOMING WORKSHOP

THEMES:

- Culture and Worldview
- Assimilation
- Resurgence
- The Metis
- Family and Kinship
- Land and Water

Objectives of the Indigenous Orientation Toolkit

- To educate newcomers about Indigenous history, culture and contemporary issues early in their settlement process
- To debunk stereotypes and negative perceptions that many newcomers have towards Indigenous peoples
- To assist in fostering a better understanding between communities that could contribute to building bridges and creating lasting social and cultural ties between indigenous and newcomer groups
- To facilitate a positive role for newcomers to play in implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's call to action #93
- To pave the path for creating welcoming, fair and inclusive communities for all