



SURREY  
LOCAL IMMIGRATION  
PARTNERSHIP

# Pathway to Kinship

Building Connections Through Truth- Learnings  
from the Community- Centered Approach in  
Creating the Surrey First Peoples Guide for  
Newcomers

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# Surrey Local Immigration Partnership

- Prepare the community to welcome newcomers
- 30+ council members
- Community driven
- Cross sector collaboration on strategies and projects
- Current areas of focus:
  - Employment
  - Mental Health
  - Anti-racism
  - Bridging Indigenous and newcomer communities

# The Journey Begins



Engaging  
Indigenous Youth



Engaging  
Refugee Youth



Cultural Retreat

- Dialogues and profound cultural experiences
- Solidarity
- Understanding
- Appreciation of commonalities across cultures

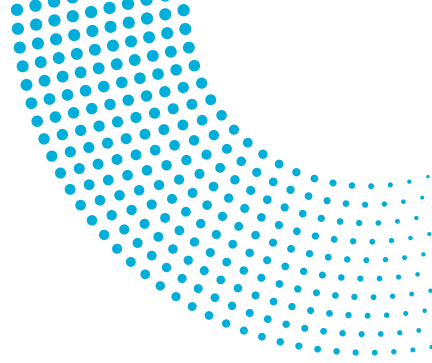
How to amplify experiential learning?



# Surrey First Peoples Guide for Newcomers

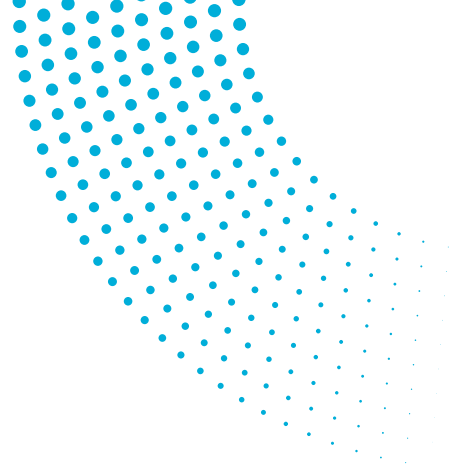


- **Taking a Community-Centered Approach**  
A resource to address harmful misconceptions and reflect on Indigenous people's history and lived experience
- **Respecting Diversity**  
Honoring the diverse Indigenous perspectives and the perspectives of newcomers in Surrey
- **Creating Pathways to Kinship**  
Relationship building is critical to ensure the legacy of this work continues for future generations



## Surrey First Peoples Guide for Newcomers

- Guide translated into French, Mandarin, Punjabi, Tagalog, Hindi, Korean
- Curriculum includes the Facilitators Toolkit and Participant Workbook



# Surrey First Peoples Guide for Newcomers

Curriculum Guide



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# Next Steps

Continue to provide facilitator training for Surrey  
First Peoples Guide for Newcomers








**COLLABORATION & KNOWLEDGE SHARING INITIATIVE**

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Our work takes place on the ancestral, traditional and unceded lands of First Nations throughout the region where together we can move forward in our commitment to truth and right relations.

**ABOUT**

CKSI is a capacity building project of the Surrey LIP which aims to bridge Indigenous and newcomer communities in BC and Yukon. Collaboratively we will co-create an equity-centered program design framework and respectful engagement strategies.

 <p><b>Sharing and Learning</b></p> <p>Amplify the learnings and best practices from the Surrey LIP bridging project, which resulted in the co-creation of the Surrey First Peoples Guide for Newcomers</p>	 <p><b>Together</b></p> <p>Collaborate with BC and Yukon LIPS to co-create an equity-centered program design framework</p>	 <p><b>Engage</b></p> <p>19 BC and Yukon LIPs, First Nations, Métis, Indigenous organizations, newcomer communities and the National LIP Secretariat</p>
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# Collaboration & Knowledge Sharing Initiative

- Amplify learnings through 19 BC and Yukon LIPs and RIF
- Activities
  - Capacity building workshops
  - Co-developing equitycentred program design framework and respectful Indigenous engagement strategies specific to their communities
  - One-on-one consultant mentorship call
  - BC and Yukon LIP Community of Practice



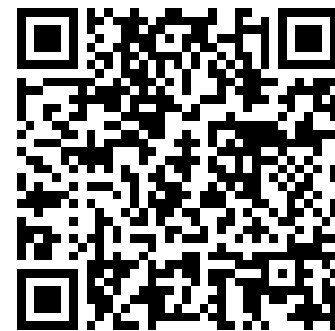
## Stories from the Land

- Community coming together to reflect on the impact of residential schools on Indigenous communities as well as Indigenous brilliance and resurgence
- Dennis Leon, Tsatsomtum, Kwantlen First Nation
- Michelle Saul, Kwantlen First Nation
- Shane Stubbington, Kwantlen First Nation
- Dr. Paula Ardiles Gamboa, SFU
- Sharing a meal in community
- Books by Indigenous authors provided by Surrey Libraries



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