June 20, 2023 |

Statements

Confronting the past and building a just future together: BCFED statement on National Indigenous Peoples Day

(Unceded Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Musqueam territories — Vancouver, BC) — The BC Federation of Labour today released the following statement regarding National Indigenous Peoples Day, June 21:

National Indigenous Peoples Day is a day to honor and appreciate the rich cultures, histories, languages and contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. But we are also called on to reflect on the continued impacts of colonial violence and the residential school system.

Confronting the past and building a future together go hand in hand. We celebrate the continued progress our province and Indigenous peoples have made toward reconciliation, at the same time as we grieve over the heartbreaking discoveries at the sites of former residential schools.

We are striving to build solidarity and stronger relationships with Indigenous communities, activists and workers; and to create the cultural safety needed to ensure Indigenous voices are heard and respected throughout our movement.

We celebrate the contributions of Indigenous people throughout our history and today. We're deeply grateful, and we look forward to a deeper, stronger relationship in our shared pursuit of solidarity,

justice and equity for all.

And we invite working people throughout BC to take the opportunity to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' cultures, languages, histories and contributions at one of the many events taking place today. See this list for an event near you.

National Indigenous People's Day Events in BC:

LOWER MAINLAND

Bowen Island

Indigenous Drumming and Story Ceremony with Lil'wat Elders & Tina Pashumati James

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Nectar Yoga 720 Gardner Lane

* Registration by Donation

https://www.nectaryoga.ca/events-calendar/june21-indigenous-ceremony

Burnaby

Wednesday, June 21, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Edmonds Park 7433 Humphries Avenue

New Westminster

Wednesday, June 21, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm

Moody Park

Port Moody

Wednesday, June 21, 3:00 pm

Film Screening: Voices Across the Water

Free Admission – registration required by contacting marketing@pomo.museum

https://www.facebook.com/Portmoodyheritagesociety

Surrey

Wednesday, June 21, 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Bill Reid Millenium Amphitheatre 17728 64 Avenue

Tsawwassen

Wednesday, June 21, 9:00 pm – Thursday, June 22, 1:00 am

2331 Tsawwassen Dr.

Vancouver

Carnegie Community Centre Celebrates NIPD

Wednesday, June 21, 1:00 pm

400 Main Street

Pancake Breakfast at VAFCS

9:00 am

1607 E Hastings Street

Friendship Walk from VAFCS to Grandview Park

11:00 am

NIPD at Grandview park

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Grandview Park

National Indigenous Peoples Day @ Chén?chenstway

Wednesday, June 21, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Oxford Park

West Vancouver

Wednesday, June 21, 3:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Ambleside Park 1150 Marine Drive

Whistler

Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre Celebrating National Indigenous History Month

Wednesday June 21, 10:00 am

4584 Blackcomb Way

FRASER VALLEY

Chilliwack

Community Event 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Vedder Park

https://www.facebook.com/events/274072561639593

SUNSHINE COAST

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syíyaya Days: Begins June 21, 12:00 - 3:00 pm

Seaside Centre 5790 Toredo Street

Check for other events on other days: https://www.facebook.com/events/166771686211993/

OKANAGAN

Enderby

Wednesday, June 21, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Old Vernon Road and Back Enderby Road

Powwow 9:00 to 3:00 pm Registration Required

https://www.facebook.com/events/590907002904431

Kamloops

Wednesday, June 21, 2:00 pm

345 Powwow Trail

https://www.facebook.com/events/3685391378267585

NORTH CENTRAL

Fort St. James

Wed. June 21, 8:00 am to 11:00 pm

Kwah Hall and Cottonwood Park

https://www.nakazdliwhuten.ca/events/national-indigenous-peoples-day-celebration

Prince George

Dune Lhuhuwezdel Indigenous Peoples Gathering

Wednesday, June 21, 11:00 am - 8:00 pm Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park

Thursday, June 22, 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park

Friday, June 23, 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm Omineca Arts Centre 369 Victoria Street

https://virtualfeast.ca/events/nipg/

VANCOUVER ISLAND

Courtenay

K'ÓMOKS FESTIVAL 2023

Wednesday, June 21, 9:00 a.m.– 6:00 p.m.

Puntledge RV Campground 4624 Condensory Road

Chemainus

Salish Sea Solstice

Wednesday, June 21, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Waterwheel Park

https://www.chemainusvalleycourier.ca/community/entertainment-food-at-national-indigenous-peoples-day-celebration-in-chemainus/?fbclid=IwAR0A39I9qcL1KdaM0rvPkLxw-lqSNPFouVb-

4Ip0OUaWwvhzlyuiAxnPQ_Y

Nanaimo

Wednesday, June 21, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Maffeo Sutton Park 100 Comox Road

Victoria

Wednesday. June 21, 10:00 am - 3:30 pm

231 Regina Avenue

NORTH COAST

Prince Rupert

Wednesday, June 21, 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Civic Centre Arena

Terrace

Saturday, June 24, 11:00 am

George Little Park

NORTHEAST

Fort St. John

Wednesday, June 21, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tse’k’wa Heritage Society

Parking and free shuttle from Charlie Lake Pub

https://www.facebook.com/events/595694789061876/

KOOTENAYS

Nelson

Saturday, June 24 1:00 pm

Lakeside Park

https://www.facebook.com/events/765276278627732

ONLINE RESOURCES

Qwi:qwelstom Wellness Team - Videos of multiple elders sharing what NIPD means to them.

https://www.facebook.com/QwiqwelstomWellnessTeam

It's Our Time – Education Toolkit. Learning Modules: **Ongoing, no end date.** Available online**.**

Personal Pledge of Reconciliation**: Ongoing. No end date.** Online**.**

Indigenous Canada: Free Online Course: **No end date. University of Alberta,** available online**.**