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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](mailto:marketing@pomo.museum)

<https://www.facebook.com/Portmoodyheritagesociety>

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## **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**

### **Sechelt**

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

Seaside Centre 5790 Toredon 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**

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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->

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## **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.](#)