

## Living Into Right Relations – October 2023

Hello,

My apologies for the late arrival. I hope you have been able to spend good time with people you love this weekend.

While this is an October newsletter you'll notice that the last event (6n) is well into November. That's because it's a book discussion and you'll need time to read the book beforehand! Please check it out and let Shirley, the discussion organizer, know if you're interested in joining. She has books to loan. This is an in person event, no online option.

Hoping you can soak up all that is beautiful about this fall season!

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Thank you, Henriëtte and Bev for ongoing editing and other support!

### 1. Waterloo Region folks: Help Healing of the Seven Generations keep the bus going!

If you live in Waterloo Region, here's a simple act that [Donna Dubie](#) called on us to do at the Sept. 30 Every Child Matters Walk. Contact Grand River Transit (GRT) and let them know that you want to see the beautiful [Every Child Matters bus](#) on our streets for the next year. Donna told us their intention is only for one month and our support could help change that. Thanks, Margriet Van Haren, for showing us how to do this: use this GRT [feedback form](#) and click "Bus", "Service", "Advertising" to get you started.

### 2. Land Back

#### a. [O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#) - read their Facebook posts

i. Permanent space in downtown Kitchener: Willow River Centre. Open house Oct 7. Related news stories, including vandalism shortly after moving in!!:

[Organizers of Land Back Camp announce new permanent gathering space](#)  
[Police lay charges - hate-motivated vandalism incident at Willow River Centre](#)

How to support? There is a list of needed items at the end of the first news article. Check it out and contact the group through the Facebook page above. You can donate to them with an e-transfer to [sdw@waterlooregion.org](mailto:sdw@waterlooregion.org). Important: Include a note with your e-transfer that it is for Land Back Camp so that it reaches them.

#### b. [1492 Land Back Lane](#) Supportive actions -

i. **Friday Lunches for 1492 LandBack Lane. Our next delivery date: Oct 20.**

Our funds are getting low! If you can help, e-transfer donations can be made through <https://www.parkuc.ca/ways-to-donate>. Please identify your donation as 1492 LandBack Lane and include your street mailing address if you would like a tax receipt. We could also use one more group to deliver once per month. For more info or to lend a hand, contact me at [nancydykstra@gmail.com](mailto:nancydykstra@gmail.com).

Thank you!

- ii. One of their residents is asking about an electric space heater for his tiny home. If anyone has one, please let us know.
- iii. Support their [legal defense fund](#).

**3. Highlighting Indigenous-led organizations.** I'm going to try to highlight different local organizations, one each month. If there's an organization in your area that you'd like others to know about please forward me info that I can pass on. Use this first one as an example of length and content. Feedback welcome. Thanks.

#### [Urban Native Wigwam Project.](#)

The mission of KWUNWP is to provide culturally safe and affordable housing for the Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) community in Waterloo Region. They are located at 300 Frederick Street, which is also the home of Healing of the Seven Generations. They have been serving the FNMI population in the region since 1987 and are currently involved in 3 building projects. Click on the links below and check out their [Facebook link](#) to read more.

- 34 Bridgeport Rd. E., Waterloo [Urban Native Transitional Housing](#).
- [27 Mill St. Kitchener](#) an energy efficient retrofitted home, a multidisciplinary team project: [Waterloo students win prize at international build challenge](#).
- 27-31 Cambridge St, Cambridge [Affordable housing project in Cambridge](#).

Join their [Hallowe'en Feast](#) at Victoria Park Pavilion on Oct. 22, 3-8 p.m. If this link doesn't work, browse their Facebook page.

#### **4. Indigenous-led organizations with ongoing intercultural opportunities:**

[Woodland Cultural Centre](#) 184 Mohawk St., Brantford. Museum, art gallery and public events.

[Chiefswood Park](#) at 1037 Hwy 54, Ohsweken. Check out the calendar [here](#).

[Crow Shield Lodge](#) See the current events listing [here](#). See also 7c below.

#### **5. An Occasional Section - The Arts: exhibits, theatre, etc.**

- a. **Until Dec 27.** [Carl Beam: Pieces of a Puzzle](#) Art Gallery of Guelph
- b. **Until Dec. 18** [A Visual Reconciliation](#) - Cross-cultural Artistic Reflections on the Seven Sacred Teachings, at Martin Luther University College (Luther) on WLU campus.
- a. **Until Jan. 2024** [SOS: A Story of Survival, Part II - The Body](#) at Kitchener Waterloo Art Gallery. Includes [O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#) film "Stories from Land Back".
- c. **Oct. 12 & 15, 7 p.m.** [We Own This Now](#), a play challenging us to continue to learn about the Doctrine of Discovery and how its impact continues to cause harm today.
- d. **Oct. 17-22, Toronto and 23-29 Online** [ImagiNATIVE Festival](#).
- e. **Oct. 19-23.** [2RO MEDIA Festival 23](#), Location: Thru the Red Door (1579 4th Line) and Chiefswood Park, Ohsweken.

## 6. Learning at home and connecting in person

- a. Lunch and Learn [Six Nations Polytechnic](#) October – Storytelling  
**Oct 11, 12-1 p.m.** (2160 4th Line Road, Ohsweken)  
**Oct 18, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** (411 Elgin Street, Brantford)  
Watch SNP monthly newsletters and social media for more details.
- b. Oct. 14, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. [The Way of Friendship](#) with [Adrian Jacobs](#). From [Feather & Cross](#), at [St. Lukes's Evangelical Lutheran Church](#), Kitchener. A homemade soup lunch, followed by some active lacrosse learning.
- c. **Oct. 17, 4-5:30** Indigenous Speaker Series, UWaterloo. [Dr. Niigaan Sinclair](#), writer, activist, Professor in Indigenous Knowledge and Aesthetics at the University of Manitoba. Location: Theatre of the Arts, Modern Languages Building, 200 University Ave W. Register [here](#).
- d. **Oct. 17, 7 p.m.** Kelly Curley shares "**A Story of the Creation before the Creation**" at Forest Hill United Church, 121 Westmount Rd. Kitchener. Kelly Curley is a Fire Keeper and spiritual leader with [Healing of the Seven Generations](#). Freewill donations welcome. Please contact Ron Morgan [rretired.ron@gmail.com](mailto:rretired.ron@gmail.com) for more information.
- e. **Oct. 18, 6:30-8 p.m. Woodland** Cultural Centre virtual event. [Public Truth and Reconciliation Presentation](#).
- f. **Oct 19, 5:30**, [Black & Gold Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery](#) Tapestry Hall, Cambridge. Guest of Honour - Bangishimo.
- g. **Oct 21, 1:30**, Film screening of [ELDER in the MAKING](#) a film screening in support of the Bruce Trail Club, Bookshelf Cinema, Guelph.
- h. **Oct. 22, 1:30-4** [Kairos Blanket Exercise](#) sponsored by Nature Guelph, 200 Arboretum Road Guelph.
- i. **Oct. 24, 1:30-3:30** [Nations Uniting](#) Film and discussion. To join this event and be part of their mailing list contact Rhonda Johns at [nations.uniting@gmail.com](mailto:nations.uniting@gmail.com).
- j. **Oct. 25, noon - 2.** Grandmothers' Tea at Fifty United Church, 1455 Hwy 8, Winona. Click [here](#) for a description. Contact Karen at 905-573-8136 for more information.
- k. **Register by Oct 29!** [Moccasin Making Workshop with Haudenosaunee Artisan Susan Hill](#). Event date: Nov 12, noon - 4p.m.
- l. **Nov 7, 1:30 - 3 p.m.** [Learning from the Past, Shaping the Present, Igniting the Future](#), lecture by Tammy Webster in the KW Third Age Learning series.
- m. **Nov. 8, 10 a.m.- noon** - Kairos Blanket Exercise - 705 Main St. E. Hamilton, ON (Enter through middle sanctuary door on St. Clair Ave). This and other events in November hosted by [Act 5. Please RSVP for any of the events below using this link by November 8.](#)
- n. **Nov. 16, 7 p.m. - Book discussion with author Clarence Cachagee.** A great opportunity to meet Clarence Cachagee of [Crow Shield Lodge](#) and to discuss his memoir, North Wind Man. This event is in Waterloo. For details, to borrow a book and to join the group please call, text or e-mail Shirley Irish at 519-884-8030, [marguerite.35.z.13@gmail.com](mailto:marguerite.35.z.13@gmail.com).
- o. Lots of other events to learn about through [Eventbrite](#).

## 7. News and Views

### a. News

- i. [Living Into Right Relations](#) Sept 2023, United Church of Canada. Statement related to the Coqualeetza residential institution, Every Child Matters comment and commitment from the Moderator and community art in Duncan B.C. as a step in moving forward together.

### b. Views

- i. [WHAT DOES 'TREATY' MEAN TO YOU?](#) Reposted by Sol Mamakwa, MPP for the riding of Kiiwetinoong, who spoke at the Sept 27 march at Queens Park, From the [Neskatanga First Nation](#) website.
- ii. **Oct. 12.** [Award-Winning Canadian Drama LITTLE BIRD Comes to PBS](#). Also on CRAVE. Thank you, Chris Hiller.
- iii. Truth and Reconciliation - a Conversation between two Community Leaders. Clarence Cachagee of [Crow Shield Lodge](#) and John Neufeld of [House of Friendship](#). [Shorter](#) or [longer](#) version. Thank you, Ron Flaming.