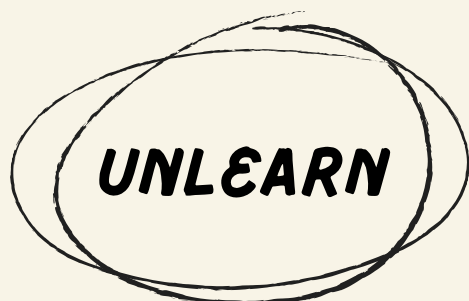


TRUTH & RECONCILIATION AT WESTERN

On September 22, 2021, Western's Indigenous Learning Circle, Biindigen, gathered to discuss wise practices and unlearning around ReconciliACTion, here were some key themes and suggestions.



Read the Truth and Reconciliation Act & Calls to Action



Dedicate time to learning, unlearning & reflection upon Indigenous history in Canada



Read Indigenous authors, resources, scholars and listen to Indigenous podcasts



Learn about policies and reports (MMIWG2S, RCAP, Western's Indigenous Strategic Plan); Treaties & the Indian Act



Create space that centres Indigenous voices & perspectives; elevate Indigenous leadership



Build relationships and work collaboratively/support Indigenous-led initiatives



Have difficult conversations with friends, family and colleagues; teach others what you've unlearned



Share resources that helped your unlearn & follow Indigenous people on social media

AT THE HEART OF THIS WORK MUST BE THE COMMITMENT TO INTERROGATE & DISMANTLE SETTLER-COLONIAL SYSTEMS & STRUCTURES AT WESTERN UNIVERSITY

One participant also recommend to "use settler privilege as a catalyst for intercultural peaceful coexistence and Indigenous empowerment and self-determination"