

It's all in the name...

Chain Links: Making Connections, Building Relationships is a two-day event that will bring together First Nations, Inuit and Métis and their non-Aboriginal neighbours to share ideas and learn from each other how to use education to begin building a relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples that is based on the Covenant Chain principles. Aboriginal organizations and individuals, school board representatives, teachers, students, church groups, independent educators, education consultants, and members of the general public interested in learning more about the evolving relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in Canada will have a chance to learn about resources, participate in workshops, and meet local people working in the same area.

The Covenant Chain was an alliance between the Iroquois Confederacy (Haudenosaunee) and the British colonies of North America. Embodied in the Two Row Wampum treaty, the Covenant Chain respects the dignity and integrity of the two peoples involved in the agreement, stresses non-interference, and is based on the principles of peace, friendship and mutual respect. It is from this that the organizers have borrowed the image of Covenant Chain Links.

Co-sponsored by: Anglican Diocese of Ottawa; Legacy of Hope Foundation; Moving Forward Together Campaign; Presbyterian Church of Canada; Project of Heart; Reconciliation Canada; Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Ottawa; United Church of Canada..

As in past years, Covenant Chain Link is pleased to provide space for displays of educational resources by participating partners as a way to build relationships, in addition to opportunities for Aboriginal artists to showcase their work.



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Covenant Chain Link V 2014

Beyond words... living into reconciliation

*Building Bridges of understanding
between Aboriginal and non-
Aboriginal peoples through
respectful relationships as we learn
from our past to shape a new future*

**Friday, October 17 (6:30 pm - 9:30 pm)
Saturday, October 18 (9 am - 4:00pm)**

**Diocesan Centre
1247 Kilborn Place, Ottawa, ON**

Registration Information

Register at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/covenantchain

Send cheque or money order payable to KAIROS

Att: Ed Bianchi

211 Bronson Ave, Suite 211, Ottawa, ON K1R 6H5

*Discount for students and non-wage earners available

*Includes entry for each day, lunch on Saturday

You can register by going to:

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The cost of the event is \$40 before Oct. 7th and \$50 after.

- Mail a cheque to KAIROS:
211-211 Bronson Ave., Ottawa, ON, K1R 6H5
- Drop off payment at KAIROS Office:
Room 211 in the Bronson Centre (211 Bronson Ave.)
- Pay at the door.

Location

Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place, Ottawa, ON



Key Note Speaker

Anita Olsen Harper is Anishinabe from the Lac Seul First Nation in northwestern Ontario. She has a PhD in Education and experience with special education issues. She has been the lead researcher on violence against Aboriginal women for the National Aboriginal Circle against Family Violence. Ms. Harper is the widow of the late Elijah Harper.

Workshop Presenters and Performers

Anita Tenasco is an Anishinabe / Algonquin from the Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg. Ms. Tenasco has been Director of Education for Kitigan Zibi since 2005 and has been working for her community in various capacities for twenty years. Ms. Tenasco is a passionate educator with experience in Head Start programming, teaching, special education and administration.

Darren Bonaparte is a Mohawk storyteller, writer, and artist from Akwesasne. He is the creator of *The Wampum Chronicles: Mohawk Territory* on the internet, a website dedicated to the cultural history of his people. He is the author of two books, *Creation and Confederation: The living History of the Iroquois* (2006), and *A Lily Among Thorns: The Mohawk Repatriation of Kateri Tekahkwitha*, and is a founding member of the Hiawatha Institute of Indigenous Knowledge at Syracuse University.
Presentation title - Wampum Chronicles

Louise Profeit-LeBlanc is a traditional storyteller from the Nacho N'yak Dun First Nation (Yukon) who has been living and working in the Ottawa area for 11 years. Her stories are inspired by the culture of First Nations in the north and are suitable for all ages. She is honoured to be able to share her stories at this event.

Brock Lewis was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, and raised in Ontario and Michigan. He is a member of Wikwemikong Unceded Territory on Manitoulin Island. He enjoys practicing his culture through both ceremony and contemporary art forms. Brock moved to Ottawa in 2013 and enrolled in the Aboriginal Cultural Ambassador training program, which is hosted by Aboriginal Experiences. He is currently helping to coordinate the Assembly of Seven Generations project and is part of the O-town Boz drum group.

Justin Alexander Holness is part Jamaican and part Nakota from Ocean Man Reserve in Saskatchewan so subsequently his artist name is Jah'Kota. He was born and raised in Winnipeg but moved to Ottawa in 2010 and founded Un1ty Entertainment which provides a creative environment for indigenous people to express themselves and their heritage through all forms of art, music, and fashion. His inspiration comes from the 7th generation and he wants to inspire Indigenous young people to find their genius. This year Jah'kota is releasing his first home studio album.

Nunavut Sivuniksavut is a unique eight-month college program based in Ottawa. Founded in 1985, it is for Inuit youth from Nunavut who want to get ready for the educational, training, and career opportunities created by the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and the new Government of Nunavut. Students learn about Inuit history, organizations, land claims and other issues relevant to their future careers in Nunavut. They also gain valuable life experience by living in the city and learning to live on their own as independent adults. Thirty-six 1st year students and ten 2nd year students are chosen each year to participate in this Algonquin College accredited program. www.nstraining.ca

The First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada is working to give First Nations children the same chance as all other Canadian children to grow up safely at home, get a good education, be healthy and proud of their cultures. They focus on Shannen's Dream (equity in education); Jordan's Principle (equity in access to government services) and I am a Witness (equity in child welfare). Using a reconciliation framework that respectfully engages First Nation and non-Aboriginal peoples, the Caring Society provides high quality resources to support First Nations communities to empower children, youth and families. www.fncaringsociety

Project of Heart is an inquiry based, inter-generational artistic journey to seek truth about the history and legacy of Indian Residential Schools in Canada. Learning about the loss experienced by former students, their families and communities, participants decorate a wooden tile in honour of one of the thousands of children who died at the schools. The final step is for participants to take action together for social justice. / www.projectofheart.ca

Reconciliation Canada is an Aboriginal led initiative building meaningful relationships through transformative experiences. Their vision is to build a vibrant, inclusive Canada where all peoples achieve their full potential and shared prosperity. Their focus extends beyond the Indian Residential School experience to those communities who have received official apologies from the government of Canada, including the Jewish, Sikh, Chinese and Japanese peoples. 70,000 people attended their *Walk for Reconciliation* last year in Vancouver. www.reconciliationcanada.org

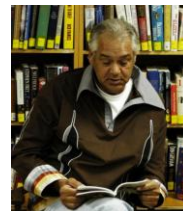
Elders



Senator Reta Gordon was born and raised in Ottawa. In 1997, she was elected Senator to the Ottawa Regional Métis Council by her peers. In 2001 she was elected Executive Senator, a position she still holds with prestige and honour. Senator Gordon has been instrumental in the advancement of her people since attending the founding meeting of the Métis Nation of Ontario in 1993. She dedicates her time and energy to advocating for Métis people.



Elder Reepa Evic-Carleton is an Inuk from the Baffin Island community of Pangnirtung. Reepa is the treatment coordinator at Tungasuvvingat Inuit's Mamisarvik Healing Centre in Ottawa, and co-founder of the centre's national, eight-week program - the only comprehensive, Inuit-specific, residential, trauma-and-addiction program of its kind in Canada. She is deeply committed to helping fellow Inuit develop healthier lifestyles by ending substance dependence and recovering from the effects of individual and cultural trauma.



Elder Albert Dumont Algonquin, Kitigan Zibi, Anishinabeg. Albert is a traditional teacher, born and raised in Algonquin territory. A poet & storyteller, he is an active member of the Ottawa Native Concerns Committee, and a strong advocate for the promotion and preservation of Aboriginal spirituality and healing, as well as the protection of Aboriginal peoples' rights.

Schedule

October 17 – 18, 2014

Fri. Oct 17

6:15 pm Registration Opens Refreshments available

7 pm Welcome

Key Note Speaker: **Dr. Anita Olsen Harper**

Musical Performances:
Rappers **Jah'Kota & Brock Lewis**

9:15 Closing & Tomorrow's Program

Sat. Oct 18

Registration for those not in attendance Friday evening begins at 8:00

**8:45 am Welcome, Introduction of Elders
Opening by Elders**

Algonquin – Albert Dumont
Métis – Senator Reta Gordon
Inuk - Reepa Evic-Carleton

9:15 am Plenary Presentation by students & teachers
Fish bowl presentation on how to engage middle school aged students and reflections by the students

10:30 am Health Break / Displays

11:00 am Morning Workshops

- 1. Reflecting on: Kitigan Zibi Anishinabe Identity** – Anita Tenasco and Faith Decontie
Hear from a passionate educator and an expert on First Nations education. This session will feature a screening of the film *Reflecting on: Kitigan Zibi Anishinabe Identity*.

2. Reconciliation based Citizenship and Social Justice for Equality for First Nations children – Andrea Auger

This workshop engages Canadians in peaceful efforts to ensure First Nations children have an equitable opportunity to grow up safely with their families, get a good education, be healthy, and be proud of who they are. Participants will understand the importance of equality for all and learn practical ways to make a difference.

3. The Wampum Chronicles - Darren Bonaparte

The cultural history of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) as told through wampum. All colonial governments engaged in wampum diplomacy with indigenous nations. Ceremonial strings, belts, and mats help to tell the epic story that took place in our own back yard in centuries past.

12:15 Lunch / Displays

1:15 pm Afternoon Workshops

1. Community Education Model, Nunavut Sivuniksavut - Murray Angus and students

In operation for 30 years, this workshop will offer insights into why this unique program for Inuit youth from Nunavut is so successful. This is also an opportunity to meet some of the students and hear about what it is like to participate in the program.

2. Project of Heart – Lisa Howell and students

Learn an inspirational story about how a group of students from the Outaouais region are following the dream of Shannen Koostachin, a Cree hero from the Attawapiskat First Nation – a journey of youth activism.

3. Mobilization for June 2015 – Reconciliation Canada

Be a catalyst for social change in Canada - join this movement which is about relationships built on openness, dignity, understanding and hope.

2:30 pm Plenary – moving forward into action – “beyond words” – Viola Thomas

3:15 pm Closing with Elders

