

# CONVERSATION CARDS

## THE WITNESS BLANKET

The Witness Blanket is a large-scale work of art inspired by a woven blanket. It contains hundreds of items. They were reclaimed from residential schools, churches, government buildings and traditional and cultural structures from across Canada. It stands as a national monument to recognize the atrocities of the Indian residential school era. It honours the children and the Survivors. It symbolizes ongoing reconciliation. We invite you to explore the online witness blanket tool and share your new learnings with those around you.

Use your phone to scan the QR Code!



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## TRC CALLS FOR ACTION

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (or TRC) was active from 2008 to 2015 and documented the stories of survivors, families, and communities affected by residential schools. A report released at the conclusion of the TRC included 94 calls to action suggested by those most impacted in an effort to repair the harms caused by residential schools.

Learn more about the Calls to Action at Beyond 94, an Online Resource that provides up-to-date status reports keeping Canadians informed on the progress

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## CANADIAN- INDIGENOUS RELATIONS

Reconciliation: Building a renewed relationship with Indigenous Peoples based on the recognition of rights, respect and partnership

What does reconciliation mean to you?

Why is reconciliation important?

What can it look like in your life, in your family, in your work place?

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## ORANGE SHIRT DAY

September 30 is the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation in Canada. The day coincides with Orange Shirt Day, a grassroots commemoration marked by the wearing of Orange Shirts for children forced to leave their families and attend residential schools.

Share a reason why you choose to wear Orange!

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## BEYOND THE ORANGE SHIRT

What reconciliation steps can you and your team work towards after September 30th  
How will you continue to 'wear Orange' all year long?

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## JOURNEY TO RECONCILIATION

How have I (and my team) begun to act in ways that challenge, elevate and advance true reconciliation, including accountability and long term actions.

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