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HEATHER GEORGE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Since opening in 1972, in the former Mohawk Institute Residential School Building the Woodland Cultural Centre has consistently aimed to create a space in which Indigenous culture is able to flourish. It is our goal to ensure that the history of Residential Schools and the impacts which they have had and will continue to have on past, present and future generations of Indigenous peoples will never be forgotten, and that this knowledge will be actively used in order to create a safe environment for Indigenous peoples to practice cultural traditions and customs.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors we are able to ensure the stories of Residential School survivors are not only heard, but actively listened to and understood. Our donors also play a key role in supporting cultural reclamation and rebuilding of all of the elements of our Onkwehonwe-neha (Indigenous knowledges) that residential schools aimed to destroy. Donations support language revitalization, educational programming for schools, the creation of contemporary art and the telling of Indigenous histories by Indigenous peoples. Woodland Cultural Centre also plays an important role in fostering kind and caring dialogues and learning moments between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples as all of us work on the truth that is part of (re)conciliation.

Through our programming, we aim to help all generations of Indigenous people to work through the process of healing through the exploration of both art and culture, allowing them to reconnect with cultural heritage and knowledge which they may have lost access to due to years of systemic racism and oppression. Every donation we receive directly supports the development and expansion of our programming, allowing Woodland Cultural Centre to continue to provide our communities, schools and the general public with resources and education about Indigenous culture and history.

We at the Woodland Cultural Centre would like to express our sincerest gratitude for our donors and their continued support of (re)conciliation efforts. Your donations this September would allow the Centre to continue our work and mission towards a future where Hodinohsho:ni people will speak their language, know and practice their culture, and share their history. We would be grateful if you visited our [Support Page](#) to find out more on how you can help.



Heather George
Executive Director

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Have you registered for Woodland Cultural Centre's Orange Shirt Day programming this September?



The Woodland Cultural Centre is excited to announce changes in our Orange Shirt Day programming! We will be having OSD events for three weeks during the month of September. There is virtual programming for elementary and in-depth programming for middle and high-school, as well as educational opportunities for Organizations.

What is Orange Shirt Day?

Orange Shirt Day or National Truth and Reconciliation Day (September 30th) is a day when we honour the Indigenous children who were sent away to Residential Schools in Canada and learn more about the history of these schools. It has become a National Campaign to raise awareness and provide education about Residential Schools in Canada.

School Programming

These virtual events will take place over Zoom, and will be \$10.00/participant. There will be a pre and post package provided. To secure your spot, register early! Number of participants can be adjusted and this form is to secure your spot for a virtual tour. A follow-up email will be sent out to confirm number of participants closer to booking date. Download our booking form to get full descriptions of programming.

Program Options:

- Mohawk Institute Residential School Virtual Tour and Debrief - Grade 6+, 1.5-2 Hours
- Truth & Reconciliation Commission Workshop - Grade 7+, 45 Minutes
- Thanksgiving Address - K+, 45 Minutes
- Importance of Apples and Orange Shirt Day - K+. 45 Minutes

School Registration Form

Organization Programming

This virtual event will take place over Zoom, it will be \$12.00/participant. Each session includes a debrief/Q&A session with one of our Cultural Interpreters to give your group a chance to ask questions. To secure your spot, register early. Number of participants can be adjusted. This form is to secure your spot for a virtual tour. A follow-up email will be sent out to confirm number of participants closer to booking date. Download our booking form to get full descriptions of programming.

Program Options:

- Mohawk Institute Residential School Virtual Tour and Debrief - 1.5-2 Hours
- Truth & Reconciliation Commission Workshop - 45 Minutes

Organization Registration Form

Looking to Purchase Orange Shirts this Septemeber?



Is your school or organization looking to purchase a bulk order of orange shirts for this September?

I&S Crafts will be selling Every Child Matters orange shirts on behalf of the Woodland Cultural Centre for the third year in a row! We are endlessly grateful for their continued support and generosity.

Please contact Lacey from I&S Crafts at 226-934-8403 to place your bulk orders!

Nya:wəh/Niá:wen to everyone who participated in the #GivingChallengeCA this June!

Sge:no/Greetings,

I'm grateful to have this opportunity to introduce myself to all of the supporters of the Woodland Cultural Centre!

My name is Krysta Longboat, I am Mohawk Nation, Wolf Clan from Six Nations of the Grand River Territory and I am the Manager of Education at the Woodland Cultural Centre. I graduated from Wilfrid Laurier University and Nipissing University in the Concurrent Education program. While on my education journey I found that I wanted to utilize my skills and knowledge to assist others in learning about my Hodinohsho:ni history and culture. The Woodland Cultural Centre has always been a leader in Educating people about Indigenous cultures and history through a variety of ways so when the Manager of Education position became available I was very excited for the opportunity to assist in Woodlands vision.



I have been in the position for over a year now and have come to learn that donations play a very important role here at Woodland. Through your contributions during the Great Canadian Giving Challenge in June, the Education department was able to update our Traditional Games Workshop by purchasing new equipment for students/visitors to try, offering free education programming to our support communities in Six Nations of the Grand River, Wahta Mohawks, and Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte, as well as purchasing supplies to create Hodinohsho:ni craft kits for school groups. All of which is essential to continue to provide educational programming.

Nya:wəh to all that were able to contribute during the Great Canadian Giving Challenge. As a result of your contribution we were able to raise **\$20,831.88** which allows the Education Department to continue to educate our visitors on Hodinohsho:ni Culture and History through our programming.



Krysta Longboat
Manager of Education



Updates from the Woodland Cultural Centre Museum

CLOSURE NOTICE

Woodland Cultural Centre staff regret to announce that the **WCC Museum will be closed to the public from Monday August 28 - Friday September 15, 2023.**

As part of the restoration project currently underway on the former Mohawk Institute Residential School, we will be repaving the drive way and walk ways around the Museum building entrances. This will allow limited access to the building for visitors and staff.

During this time period, we will be closing public access to the building and cancelling any public events. If you have any private bookings already scheduled during this time, those bookings will be honoured. We want any visitors to be aware that alternative entrances will have to be offered and they may cause accessibility issues to some visitors (loose gravel).

Cancelled Events:

Thursday August 31 - Language Bingo

Thursday September 7 - Screening of Silent No More

Thursday September 14 - Screening of Silent No More

Nya:wəh/Niá:wen for your patience and understanding during this time! We can't wait to welcome you all back!



Fundraise this September for the Woodland Cultural Centre

Here at the Woodland Cultural Centre we continue to be overwhelmed by the amount of outreach and support we receive from our third-party community fundraisers. Seeing the passion and hard work that goes into these volunteer run initiatives is truly inspiring and we cherish the opportunity to work with these dedicated individuals and organizations.

We would be honoured to have the opportunity to work and collaborate with our third-party fundraisers again this year! [Click here to check out our third-party fundraising form.](#)

What would your fundraising contributions go towards? Your efforts will go towards your choice of our departments and will ensure they can continue to develop and provide programming and resources to our community and the public; they will also ensure that we continue to grow and thrive as a Cultural Centre.

We hope that you all can continue to be a vital part of our giving community and we can't wait to connect with you again this year!



Trisha Kelley
Development and Marketing Manager



Do you have any questions about fundraising? Please reach out to our Development and Marketing Manager, Trisha Kelley at development@woodlandculturalcentre.ca or 519-759-2650 x 232.



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Donation Levels

- **\$100 – \$499** -will receive acknowledgement on the WCC website updated twice per year (downloadable PDF)
- **\$500 – \$1,499** -will receive invitation to screening of a special virtual tour event and Q & A session and acknowledgement in the WCC Annual Report
- **\$1,500 - \$4,999** - will receive preview invitation to exhibitions, acknowledgement on the WCC website for the fiscal year period of the donation and invitation to donor recognition event
- **\$5,000 +** - will receive a copy of WCC anniversary and other publications

DONATE NOW!

Woodland Cultural Centre needs your help to ensure that we can continue to develop and provide programming and resources to our community and the public!

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INTERESTED IN HOSTING A FUNDRAISER?

We can't thank our fundraisers enough for all the hard work they put into their initiatives!

[Click here to access our third-party fundraising forms!](#)

If you're interested in running a fundraiser for the Woodland Cultural Centre, please contact us at 519-759-2650 x 232 or [email here](#). We are here to support you and we can't wait to work with you!

PAYMENT DETAILS

☐ I have enclosed a cheque
(payable to Woodland Cultural Centre)

☐ Donate online
(www.woodlandculturalcentre.ca/donate/)

Charitable registration number: 891177990RR0001

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With my gift of \$ _____ I am please to support the Woodland Cultural Centre

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E-MAIL ADDRESS

STREET NAME

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PROVINCE

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