

Living Into Right Relations – April 2024

Hello,

Thank you to everyone who offers suggestions and information to this monthly listing of support for living into right relations. Your contributions are welcome and appreciated!

May Spring bless us with hope as we look forward to its fresh colour and the new life it brings every year.

Nancy (nancydykstra@gmail.com). Thank you, Henriëtte and Bev for ongoing editing and other support!

1. Land Back

- a. [O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#) - read their Facebook posts
 - i. **April 6**, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. [Wapakwaniwin Market](#) at Willow River Centre
 - ii. How to support? [Support us | O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#)

- b. [1492 Land Back Lane](#) Supportive actions -
 - i. Support their [legal defense fund](#)

2. Highlighting local Indigenous-led initiatives and organizations: Healing of the Seven Generations

[The Healing of the Seven Generations](#) (H7G) is located in downtown Kitchener at 300 Frederick St. They work with individuals overcoming the trauma of the residential legacy, offering culturally accessible therapeutic healing programming. They also provide community training sessions to empower healthier communities. Programs encompass work with all groups and include drumming circles, youth conferences, canoe days, language classes and much more. You may be familiar with the backpack and Christmas gift programs, and the annual community walks for Red Dress Day (coming in May) and The Day for Truth and Reconciliation. H7G is a vital part of the Kitchener downtown community. Check out their [Facebook page](#) for current events and notices. (Thank you, Mary Lou Emburgh.)

3. Learning at home and connecting in person

[Crow Shield Lodge](#) in Waterloo Region has a range of events related to education, healing, land stewardship and reconciliation. This includes men's nights, women's full moon ceremonies, and a variety of workshops. See the events listing [here](#).

Current Exhibitions in KW, Guelph and Hamilton

- To May 12 [Bangishimo: The Medicines We Carry](#) Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery.
 - To May 12 [ᑕᑯᑯᑦᑭᑦ Tautuppaa | Long Looking](#) Tim Pitsiulak. Art Gallery of Guelph.
 - To May 26 [Shelley Niro: 500 Year Itch](#) Art Gallery of Hamilton.
 - To June 30 [Body Beautiful](#) Kitchener Waterloo Art Gallery.
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- a. **April 6, 8 a.m.** [Grand River Water Ceremony](#), at [Schneider Park](#), Kitchener, parking off King St, across from Freeport Hospital.
 - b. **April 7, 2 p.m.** [Honouring Indigenous Aid for Ireland in 1847](#) Hybrid event hosted by Woodland Cultural Centre.
 - c. **April 7, 3 p.m.** Inshallah choir concert "Singing Liberation" at Knox Presbyterian Church, 50 Erb St W. Waterloo. Parking off Dupont St. All welcome, no entry fee. Donations accepted to support clean water access on Six Nations.
 - d. [Six Nations Polytechnic](#) Lunch & Learn. Tye-dye project with Natural Dyes.
April 10, 12-1 p.m. (2160 4th Line Road, Ohsweken) Register [here](#).
April 17, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (411 Elgin Street, Brantford) Register [here](#).
 - e. **April 10-May 1, 7-9 p.m.** The Body of Christ Keeps the Score: Exploring the Dysfunctional History of Western Christianity - 4 week class. Join us as we engage with Dr. Bradley Melle, historian of Global Christianity, to acknowledge the roots of our unhealthy intergenerational patterns and seek to break cycles, as we seek to follow the way of Jesus anew. More info [here](#). Eucharist Church, Back Hall, 130 Victoria Ave. N., Hamilton. Thank you, Cindy Stover.
 - f. **April 13, 11-4** [Beading Workshop with Haudenosaunee artisan, Susan Hill](#) at McDougall Cottage Historic Site, Cambridge.
 - g. **April 17, 6-7:30** [Public Virtual Stereotypes and Racism Workshop](#) hosted by Woodland Cultural Centre.
 - h. **April 24, 12-2** Grandmothers' Tea at Nations Uniting, 1652 Chiefswood Rd, Ohsweken. Potluck lunch and sharing time. Contact Rhonda Johns at nations.uniting@gmail.com for more information.
 - i. **April 24, 2 p.m.** DWF (Downie and Wenjack Fund) **LIVE** with the Honourable Murray Sinclair. Find out more [here](#).
 - j. **April 28, 3-5** Film Screening: Café Daughter, Shelley Niro's latest film, hosted at [The Westdale](#) in partnership with Art Gallery of Hamilton. Followed by Q&A session with Niro and Ty Tekatch. Tickets [here](#). Location: 1014 King St W. Hamilton.
 - k. **April 29, 1:30-3:30** [Nations Uniting](#) Sharing Circle - To join this event and be part of their mailing list contact Rhonda Johns at nations.uniting@gmail.com.

- I. Other events in your area may be found on [Eventbrite](#).

On the radar...

- m. **May 5** is the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two Spirit People (aka **Red Dress Day**). Watch for events like [these](#) to mark the day. Here is the 2023 posting and links to information from [UWaterloo](#).
- n. **May 18, 1-3 p.m.** [100 Years of Hodinohsho:ni Leadership in Global Indigenous Rights](#) Woodland Cultural Centre.

4. Good Reads, News and Views

a. Reads

- i. [Meeting My Treaty Kin: A Journey toward Reconciliation](#) by Heather Menzies. Recommended by Pegi Ridout. She writes, “Fantastic! It looks at white privilege without centring whiteness. Probably the best book I’ve read on that.” Heather’s book is about Stoney Point/ Aazhoodena / Kettle Point. Thanks, Pegi.
- ii. [International Commission on Missing Persons Canada Program Interim Report “They Were Children”](#)

b. News

- i. [‘Money that is owing’: Churches pay reparations to Indigenous groups - CANADIAN AFFAIRS](#). Canadian Affairs. Look for Kitchener Sterling Mennonite Church in this article. Thank you, Bev McNabb.
- ii. [Injunction pauses road to gold in northern Ontario](#) Canada’s National Observer: Climate News.

c. Views

- i. Sugarcane: a film to watch for [Documentary on legacy of B.C. residential schools wins directing award at Sundance Film Festival](#) CBC.
- ii. Listen to Alanis Obamsawin deliver the [Beatty Lecture - McGill University](#) on [CBC Ideas](#). From Nov 2023. A listing of her NFB films [here](#).
- iii. “Kuessipan,” the story of a pair of young Innu girls, is one of [five international films](#) I’ve heard we should watch.
- iv. [Treaty Road](#) Season 1 on now on [APTN](#) .