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# University of Lethbridge Truth and Reconciliation Week

On September 30, the University of Lethbridge (Iniskim) will recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day honours the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

The week of September 26-30 is Truth and Reconciliation Week at ULethbridge and the University has a number of activities planned for members of the University community.

"Iniskim is located on Blackfoot territory, and it is our duty to continue intent to make Indigenization a priority of our campus, its programs and policies," says Dr. Mike Mahon, ULethbridge president and vice-chancellor. "To continue "in a good way" as our Elders have taught us, we must continue to hold ourselves and others accountable to this process, and to commit to being a part of the solution."

Mike Mahon's full statement.

The following are public events for Truth and Reconciliation Week

#### Monday, September 26

10:30 – 11 a.m. | <u>Smudging ceremony</u> 11 a.m. – noon | <u>Talking Circle</u> 1 – 4 p.m. | <u>Face painting and prayer</u>

Tuesday, September 27

5:30 – 8 p.m. | *Beans* film screening and discussion

#### Wednesday, September 28

11 – 11:30 a.m. | <u>Orange shirt group photo</u> 1 – 3 p.m. | <u>Orange button and sticker making</u>

## Thursday, September 29

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Roots of Growth project launch

### Friday, September 30

No events. University offices closed.

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