



2017
National Year of Dialogue
for Reconciliation & Renewed Relationships



“Reconciliation begins with me”

Goal of the workshop: This one-day workshop is intended for anyone in any level of government who wants to increase their knowledge about peoples and issues from the Métis, Inuit and First Nations in Canada, and wants to understand how they can contribute personally and professionally to renewing relationships.

Agenda

8:30 – 8:45	Welcome into the circle - Introductions and overview
8:45-9:15	Opening by Elder Cat Criger
9:15- 10:00	Why am I here? What’s my starting point?
10:00-10:15	BREAK
10:15 – 11:30	“We are all treaty peoples” - Shared history of Canada, pre-contact to present day
11:30-12:00	Connecting to Reconciliation - A focus on the residential school legacy
12:00 – 1:00	LUNCH
1:00-1:15	Check-in
1:15 – 2:30	Reconciliation Begins with Me - Intro to cultural competency
2:30-2:45	BREAK
2:45-3:45	Priorities for Action – ADM Grant Wedge, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation - What is my role and responsibility in reconciliation as a public servant?
3:45 – 4:15	Reconciliation and renewing relationships - Creating a professional and personal action plan
4:15-4:30	Closing with the Elder

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 ~ 8:30am—4:30pm

Innovation Lab @ Center for Social Innovation, 215 Spadina Ave

Your Guides to Learning:



Cat Criger is an Aboriginal Elder, Traditional Teacher and Mentor from the First Nations People. He is Cayuga (Guyohkohnyoh), Turtle Clan of the Six Nations Haudenosaunee or People of the Longhouse. Cat has been working as a Traditional Teacher and Healer for more than 20 years in the Native and multi-cultural community in Canada, the USA, England, Germany, Poland, and Wales. He was taught in the old way, working for many years with the guidance of an Anishnawbe Elder (Zaawawagaabo) and other First Nations Elders, and was taught to do traditional ceremonies, teachings, circles, one to one work and to help all people to 'walk in a good way' though life.



Catherine MacQuarrie is Métis, born in Alberta and raised in the Northwest Territories where she worked for many years as a reporter, editor and executive director of an Indigenous media group. On moving to the federal government in 1994, she specialized in land claims and self-government over a six-year period working in the NWT Region and in Ottawa. In the balance of her career to date with the Government of Canada, she has held increasingly senior leadership positions and developed expertise in various aspects of public administration: values and ethics, human resource policy and management, public service renewal and, most recently, the training and development of public service employees and leaders.



Grant Wedge has over 35 years of experience working as a lawyer, senior executive, mediator, facilitator and consultant for governments, Indigenous communities and public and private sector-based organizations in Ontario and across Canada. As of February 2017, Grant returned to the Ontario Government serving as the Assistant Deputy Minister (A) of the Negotiations & Reconciliation Division of the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, where he is responsible for managing the almost 50 land claims and land-related negotiations.



James Froh is Métis, born and raised in Saskatchewan. Over his career Froh has worked for Indigenous, church and government organizations in Ontario and Saskatchewan. Since 2001, he has worked with the public service in Saskatchewan in increasingly senior leadership positions. He has always focused on forging crucial relationships, demonstrating core values, and developing expertise in various aspects of public administration. Froh has provided invaluable advice to many senior leaders; has championed collaborative, interest-based public engagement and policy development, and, most recently, continuous learning and the development of public service employees and leaders.



Prior to launching his consulting services in 2013, **Michel Smith** held several senior executive positions in the Public Service of Canada. A trained social worker and executive coach, he was acting Assistant Deputy Minister and Director General at Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada; Regional Director General for the British Columbia and Yukon Region, as well as the Director General of the Refugee Branch, Citizenship and Immigration Canada. Michel also served as Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Professional Executives of the Public Service of Canada (APEX), Executive Director of the Task Force on an Inclusive Public Service, and Senior Faculty Member at the Canada School of Public Service.