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National Gathering on Unmarked Burials

Upholding Indigenous Laws: Justice and Reparations for Missing Children

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Wahkohtowin Lodge Purpose

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Upholding Indigenous laws and governance

- Support Indigenous communities' goals to identify, articulate, and implement their own laws.
- Develop, gather, amplify, and transfer wise practices, promising methods and research tools.
- Produce useful and accessible practical legal resources and public legal education.

The Wahkohtowin Lodge responds to the expressed needs of Indigenous communities and organizations and specifically answers the TRC Call to Action #50, which calls for the creation of Indigenous Law Institutes for the “development, use and understanding of Indigenous laws.”



Wisdom Workshop Participation Guidelines

1. Everyone has wisdom.
2. We need everyone's wisdom for the wisest result.
3. There are no wrong answers.
4. The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.
5. Each person will hear others and be heard.



Wisdom Workshop Focus Question:

**What do you see for Justice and
Reparations for Missing Children?**



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Step 1: Instructions for individuals

Each person spend 5 minutes brainstorming different ideas on a paper in front of you.

Each person star * 3-5 key ideas before beginning to share with your table.

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Step 2: Group instructions

*ONE idea on
this card!*

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- In breakout groups everyone share your 3-5 answers
 - Groups discuss ideas for clarity, not agreement
- Each group chooses 5 clear ideas
 - 5 cards per group
 - Eliminate duplication, yet preserve diversity
 - Put key ideas on cards (using 3-5 words)
- one idea per card
- 3-5 words (more than 2 words!!)
- write horizontal
- big and clear writing



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Step 3: Clustering

First Round 10-15 cards, place randomly on board, read out loud, ask for clarification as needed, then ask group to look for pairs, place pairs together under neutral symbol, get 3-5 before adding to more to pairs.

Second Round Add more cards and place randomly, point out more pairs or add to clusters, continue until all cards are clustered.



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Step 4: Naming

Start with largest cluster first, read all cards aloud.

Ask: What are key words on these cards?

Then ask: What is this area about? What ideas or themes stand out?

What title can we give this to hold our insights?

Title should include **action words** or descriptive word with noun, related to the focus question.



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Step 5: Resolving

Step back and read the titles.

What surprised you? What excites you? What are you most interested in? What is the significance of our work together on this?

Explain - we will write this up and all participants will receive a copy.