



**SHARE YOUR TRUTH**  
**TRC to hear from Residential School Survivors**  
**June 6 and 7 in Red Deer, AB**

JUNE 3, 2013 – Former students, their family members and others who have been affected by Canada’s Indian Residential Schools are invited to share their experiences with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC), June 6 and 7 in Red Deer.

Statements may be made publicly at sharing panels conducted by Justice Murray Sinclair, Chair of the TRC, and Gordon Williams and Eugene Arcand, members of the TRC Survivor Committee, or privately. Sharing panels are scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 6, and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 7 in the Kevin Sirois Gym at Red Deer College. They will be video-recorded and made available to the public through a National Research Centre that will house all materials collected by the TRC throughout its five-year mandate.

The TRC’s public and private statement-gathering is being held as part of the *Remembering the Children* community event, which features educational and archival displays, films, speakers, teaching and sharing circles, entertainment, and more. About 1200 school students are expected to take part in this significant learning experience at the College, and at the Red Deer Museum and Art Gallery.

A “Forum on Reconciliation” will be conducted each afternoon. Honourary Witnesses Morris Flewwelling, Mayor of Red Deer, and the Right Honourable Joe Clark, former Prime Minister of Canada, will be among eight panelists to reflect on what reconciliation means to them.

A ceremony to remember the children of the Red Deer Industrial School (1893-1919), followed by a traditional feast open to the public will take place at Fort Normandeau Interpretive Centre on June 8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A complete program for the *Remembering the Children* event is available at [www.trc.ca](http://www.trc.ca). Everyone who would like to learn about and bear witness to the legacy of the schools is encouraged to attend. Public sharing panels will be streamed live at [www.trc.ca](http://www.trc.ca).



The Truth and Reconciliation Commission is an independent commission established as a result of the 2007 Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement. Its mandate is to inform all Canadians about what happened in the 150-year history of the residential schools, and to guide and inspire a process of reconciliation and renewed relationships based on mutual understanding and respect.

For more information:

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