



## SHARE YOUR TRUTH TRC ANNOUNCES HEARING AT MANI UTENAM, JAN. 22-23

January 21, 2013 – The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) will host a hearing in the Innu community of Mani Utenam, Quebec, on Tuesday, January 22 and Wednesday, January 23.

The hearing will provide an opportunity for those affected by the Indian Residential School system and its legacy to share their experiences with TRC Commissioner Marie Wilson as well as with community members and anyone else who would like to learn about and bear witness to the schools' legacy. It is free to the public, and everyone is encouraged to attend. Those who want to make a private statement to the Commission will also be able to do so.

Sharing these experiences is difficult but important for many Survivors, who may be speaking about them for the first time. Their statements will enable future generations to understand what went on at the schools. A National Research Centre will be established to commemorate the experiences of Survivors, their families and communities.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission was 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.

The hearing will take place at the Mani Utenam Cultural Centre. You can find more details at [www.trc.ca](http://www.trc.ca), where the hearing will also be streamed live.

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