

Celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day at TELUS World of Science - Edmonton

WHAT: Media are invited to TELUS World of Science – Edmonton to commemorate National Indigenous Peoples Day with a ceremonial smudging and prayer ceremony performed by Elder Gilman Cardinal, Elder Don Langford, and Lynn Lush, Indigenous Land-Based Learning Navigator at the science centre’s Residential School Memorial Garden.

Following the smudging and prayer, First Nations Drummer, Skyler Gladue, will perform the Honor song. After the ceremony, visitor will be entertained by Inuit, First Nation and Métis performers. Guests can also enjoy a free barbecue, an Indigenous Vendors Market, and Indigenous-themed programming throughout the science centre. Admission to the science centre is free for all Indigenous Peoples that day, and 50% of all regular admission will go to the science centre’s Indigenous Access Fund.

WHEN: **Tuesday, June 21, 2022**

09:00 a.m.	Smudge Ceremony
09:30 a.m.	Drum Performance
10:00 a.m.	Entertainment Begins
11:30 a.m.	Free BBQ Lunch
01:00 p.m.	Métis Dancers and Jiggers Performance
02:00 p.m.	Formal Event Concludes

WHERE: TELUS World of Science – Edmonton
11211 142 Street, Edmonton, Alberta
The ceremony will occur on the grounds outside of the science centre, near the ramp leading to the main building entrance.

WHO The following people will be available for interviews:

- Elder Gilman Cardinal
- Elder Don Langford
- Fred Hines, Director, Indigenous Education
- Alan Nursall, President & CEO, TELUS World of Science - Edmonton

WHY: In commemoration of National Indigenous Peoples Day, the ceremony will recognize the rich culture, contributions, and sacrifices of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples, while honoring victims and survivors of the residential school system.

TELUS World of Science – Edmonton recognizes the value of building relationships with Indigenous communities and this event recognizes a unique opportunity to provide cultural sharing between Indigenous and non-Indigenous guests, while highlighting the science centre’s Indigenous programming.

HOW: Any media interested are asked to RSVP by emailing Brett Nestman at bnestman@twose.ca or by cell at 780-999-8893 by 8:00 a.m. on June 21, 2022.

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About TELUS World of Science Edmonton

TELUS World of Science – Edmonton's mission is to: Ignite curiosity. Inspire discovery. Celebrate science. Change lives. We are the destination to engage Albertans' hearts and minds in science. The Edmonton Space & Science Foundation is a non-profit organization that operates TELUS World of Science – Edmonton.