

## Commemorating National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

**EDMONTON, AB – September 27, 2023** – On September 30, TELUS World of Science – Edmonton will commemorate National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day. To further the Science Centre's commitment to a creation of an inclusive, safe space and to honour the victims and survivors of residential schools, free general admission for Indigenous guests will be offered as a gesture of respect and Indigenous-focused events, including a moment of silence, will be happening throughout the day.

"As an institution dedicated to the wonders of science and exploration, we recognize the vital importance of acknowledging our shared history and supporting the journey towards Truth and Reconciliation," said Constance Scarlett, President & CEO, TELUS World of Science – Edmonton. "National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is a meaningful reminder of the resilience and strength of Indigenous communities, and we are honoured to be able to provide a safe place for learning and reflection on this important day."

The day will begin with a traditional Tipi raising at 9:00 a.m., followed by the ceremonial lighting of the Qulliq, a traditional Inuit oil lamp, at 10:00 a.m. A qulliq is the traditional oil lamp used by Arctic peoples, including the Inuit. It is made of soapstone in a rounded shape and traditionally use the oil blubber from seals or whales as fuel and arctic cotton grass as the wick. Also, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., guests can explore the Indigenous Vendors Market, showcasing a variety of Indigenous art, crafts, and products, supporting local Indigenous artisans.

In the IMAX theatre, at 11:00 a.m., there will be a free screening of CBQM, a documentary that pays tribute to a radio station based north of the Arctic Circle and a Q&A with filmmaker Dennis Allen afterwards.

Throughout the day, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., a range of Indigenous-focused activities will take place throughout the Science Centre. These include crafting Orange Shirt pins, creating Cree Constellation Viewers, coding with Beadwork, participating in Indigenous Storytime, and more. At 1:00 p.m., guests can immerse themselves in the sounds of Indigenous music with a performance by the Abraham Lake Singers.

A moment of silence will be held at 2:15 p.m., and the rich tradition of Inuit drumming will come alive with a performance by Malachi Angulalik at 2:30 p.m.

This schedule is subject to change, for more information about National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day at TELUS World of Science - Edmonton, please visit at: [www.twose.ca/orangeshirtday](http://www.twose.ca/orangeshirtday)

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