

# Manitoba College of Social Workers

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 2021

The Manitoba College of Social Workers (MCSW) is pleased that the [Province of Manitoba](#) has recognized Orange Shirt Day, September 30, as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation “to encourage reflection and meaningful discussions about the impacts of residential schools”. In this year of reflection and increased awareness of the history and devastating trauma related to residential schools, MCSW supports national efforts towards reconciliation and remains committed to learning and reconciling with Indigenous Peoples of Canada.

As leaders in advocacy and social justice, social workers have a unique role in supporting and advancing reconciliation. According to [Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair](#), chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), “education is the key to reconciliation and the key to changing the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people”. In recognition of our role to support TRC’s Calls to Action, MCSW declared a commitment to promote education related to reconciliation; the history, culture and spirituality of Indigenous Peoples; and Canada’s relationship with Indigenous Peoples, which was formally included in the revised Social Work Profession Regulation in 2021.

As we humbly move forward on our reconciliation path, MCSW is proud to launch our new Reconciliation and Anti-Racism Resource webpage to provide a hub of resources and information to social workers to understand the truth, engage in reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and to learn and take action against racism.

<https://mcsw.ca/resources-blog/>

MCSW members are encouraged to join the nation in reflection and learning during [Truth and Reconciliation Week](#) in honour of those lost and in respect for the survivors, families and communities who have been impacted by the past and present trauma related to residential schools.

MCSW honours the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a reminder of the harm done by colonialism and the ongoing systemic oppression inflicted upon Indigenous Peoples. On September 30, join us by wearing orange as a symbol of acknowledgement of our collective responsibility to take action to advance meaningful reconciliation for a better future.

