



UBC Indian Residential School Initiative

September 18th - 21st

Truth and Reconciliation Commission

- From the early 1870's to 1996 thousand's of First Nations, Inuit and Metis children were forced to attend residential schools in an attempt to aggressively assimilate them into dominant culture.
- The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada was established in 2008 to examine the legacy of these residential schools. It has conducted events in cities across Canada to collect survivor testimony and to educate the public. The commission expires in 2014.
- The last TRC National event in British Columbia will be held in Vancouver on September 18-21, 2013.

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Truth and Reconciliation Commission Observance Day

- The UBC Faculty Senate has voted to **suspend** classes on **Sept. 18** to honour the opening of the TRC National Event in Vancouver and to allow students and faculty to attend events.

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What is Biology doing?



Find us at the First
Nations House of
Learning!

Weaving together
Traditional knowledge
and UBC Biology



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How can you participate?

- **Truth and Reconciliation Commission - Pacific National Exhibition Grounds**
- **First Nations House of Learning - UBC Campus:** exhibits, demonstrations. and more.
- **Museum of Anthropology - "Speaking to Memory: Images and Voices from St. Michael's Residential School"** (runs until March 2, 2014)
- **Volunteer!** – Contact me: shona@mail.ubc.ca

Resources:

Residential School Initiative at UBC:

<http://irsi.aboriginal.ubc.ca/>

Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada:

[http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/index.php?
p=3](http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/index.php?p=3)

Truth and Reconciliation Commission Event at Pacific
National Exhibition schedule for September 18:

[http://www.myrobust.com/websites/vancouver/
index.php?p=733](http://www.myrobust.com/websites/vancouver/index.php?p=733)