

NIUSLA Summit 2026

Gathering for Change: Dismantling Anti-Indigenous Racism in Post-Secondary Education

 **November 3–4, 2026**

 [First Peoples' Gathering House](#)

Simon Fraser University
Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada



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About the Summit

Join Indigenous leaders, educators, and institutional change-makers for two days of immersive dialogue, learning, and action. Grounded in ceremony and collective accountability, this gathering is designed to advance meaningful strategies to address anti-Indigenous racism in post-secondary education.

Simultaneous French–English Interpretation Available

Participants will engage in:

- Ceremonial openings and cultural gatherings
- Film and critical dialogue
- Interactive strategy sessions
- Applied leadership learning
- Collective policy and framework development

Attendance Model

This gathering centres Indigenous leadership. Non-Indigenous participants are welcome through nomination or sponsorship by an Indigenous colleague, ensuring participation is grounded in relationship and accountability.

Accommodations

Executive Plaza Hotel Coquitlam

📍 405 North Road, Coquitlam, BC V3K 3V9

A room block is available for Summit participants. Additional booking details will be shared upon registration.

Getting There

✈️ **Nearest Airport: Vancouver International Airport (YVR)**

🚗 **Travel Options from YVR to Hotel:**

- Taxi or rideshare (approx. 40–50 minutes), SkyTrain, Rental car

🚌 **From Hotel to SFU:** 10–15 minutes by taxi; Conference Shuttle will be available

What to Expect

Day 1 — Grounding, Truth & Critical Dialogue

- Opening Ceremony with Host Nation and Elders
 - Setting the context: Film Discussion (*The Good Canadian*)
 - Exploration of anti-Indigenous racism in higher education
 - Facilitated discussions connecting lived experience and institutional realities
 - Deep critical dialogue on key tensions:
 - Academic freedom vs. responsibility
 - Research vs. lived experience
 - Structural change vs. cultural inclusion
 - Identity and internal dynamics
 - Leadership sharing circle focused on:
 - Navigating settler institutions
 - Resistance, resilience, and leadership realities
 - Evening cultural gathering at the Museum of Anthropology (UBC)
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Day 2 — Strategy, Tools & Action

- Morning ceremony and reflection
 - Keynote: Indigenous leadership and systems change
 - Strategy sessions focused on:
 - Policy and anti-racism frameworks
 - Recruitment and retention
 - Legal considerations
 - Building accomplices
 - Accountability and addressing harm
 - Applied Leadership Lab:
 - Real-world case scenarios
 - Decision-making in complex situations
 - Institutional problem-solving
 - Collective output session
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Registration

- [Tickets on Eventbrite](#)
 - \$200 fee for in-person
 - \$100 for virtual
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Accommodations

To book your hotel room, we have a block of rooms at:

Executive Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre

405 North Road, Coquitlam, BC V3K 3V9

www.executiveplazahotel.ca

Block ID: 37175

Arrival Date: November 2nd

Departure Date: November 5th

Rate: 190.00 CAD + Tax per room per night

- The rate includes parking, Wi-Fi, and up to the room's maximum occupancy.
- Cancellation policy: 30 days before arrival:
- Room types: Deluxe King Room, Deluxe Double Queen Room, Superior King Room, Queen One-bedroom Suite.

Deadline to book: September 2nd, 2026

Later reservations will be subject to availability at the time of booking.

For more Information, please contact info@niusla.ca

Come prepared to engage deeply, build connections, and contribute to collective strategies that will shape more equitable and accountable post-secondary institutions.
