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Press Release

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: Learning and Listening

Whitehorse, September 30, 2026 — On the occasion of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also known as Orange Shirt Day, the Association franco-yukonnaise (AFY) invites the entire community to take a moment to learn more about the history of Indigenous peoples, their realities in Yukon and Canada, and what reconciliation means.

This day provides an opportunity to better understand the history, consequences and ongoing impacts that continue to affect individuals, families and communities today. It also serves as a reminder of the importance of listening, learning and dialogue in this process.

“Over the past year, and as part of the declaration of the Yukon Francophone Governance Forum, the AFY has continued its commitment to reconciliation with Yukon First Nations by offering the Francophone community and staff of Francophone organizations awareness and educational presentations, traditional and cultural learning workshops, as well as the Blanket Exercise. These initiatives have helped deepen knowledge of the history and realities of Indigenous peoples in the territory, while creating spaces conducive to listening and dialogue,” says Edwine Veniat, President of the AFY.

The Association franco-yukonnaise encourages the community to take part in this day by wearing an orange shirt, but above all, by taking this opportunity to continue learning, listening to Indigenous voices, and reflecting on the actions that can contribute to the reconciliation process in our daily lives.

About the Association franco-yukonnaise

Since 1982, the Association franco-yukonnaise (AFY) has been the official leader in the development of the French-speaking community and aims to improve the quality of life in French, in Yukon.

About the Yukon Francophone Governance Forum:

The Yukon Francophone Governance Forum brings together the leadership and presidencies of the following institutions and organizations: the Association franco-yukonnaise (AFY), *L'Aurore boréale*, the Yukon Francophone School Board (CSFY), Les Essentielles, the Partenariat Communauté en santé (PCS), and the Yukon Francophone Historical Society (SHFY). Together, members of the Forum coordinate their efforts in implementing concerted strategic actions that have positive impacts on Yukon's Francophone community.

[Declaration from the Yukon Francophone Governance Forum](#)

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