

Session 5

Tracking the Legacy of the TRC Calls: Justice

Please use these guiding questions to support conversations with your colleagues.

1. Is cultural “competency” enough? What kind of training do you think is needed across sectors, and especially across K-12 education?
2. What does culturally relevant and responsive pedagogy look like in consideration of the new learning and connections to the Calls to Action on ‘Justice’?
3. What are the ways government policies and historical events have had an impact on justice in Indigenous communities? How can we see the impacts of these today?
4. It is essential that all members of the justice profession (police, lawyers, judges, etc.) build a trusting relationship with Indigenous communities and individuals. How can the K-12 education system support future leaders in justice professions? What does this support look like embedded in everyday practice in classrooms and/or across the curriculum?
5. Consider the over-incarceration, over-policing, and the ongoing violence impacting murdered and missing Indigenous, women, girls, and two-spirit peoples experience. What connections can be made to education and what can you do to lead with empathy and understanding of the reality faced by those affected by systemic racism?

Resources:

94 Calls to Action Accountability report:
<https://yellowheadinstitute.org/trc/>

Canada's Indigenous Justice Strategy:
<https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/csj-sjc/ijr-dja/ljs-sja/index.html>

Canada's Indigenous Justice Program:
<https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/fund-fina/acf-fca/ajs-sja/index.html>

Canada's “Transforming the criminal justice system” plan:
<https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cj-jp/tcjs-tsjp/index.html>

Department of Justice “Understanding the Overrepresentation of Indigenous people in the justice system”:
<https://www.justice.gc.ca/socjs-esjp/en/ind-aut/uo-cs>

MMIWG Calls for Justice:
https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Calls_for_Justice.pdf

Indigenous Bar Association:
<https://www.indigenousbar.ca>

Resources from Nelson:
<https://edwin.app/resources-articles/niigaan>