



2021
World Indigenous
Suicide Prevention
Conference

"Strengths in our Communities"

Conference Agenda

August 23, 2021- August 26, 2021
Online

Monday August 23, 2021

10:30am – 11.00am **Welcoming Remarks
Open Ceremony**

11.00am – 12.00pm **Keynote Speaker- Jordin Tootoo**

12.00 pm – 12:15 pm *Break*

12.15pm – 12.45pm **Breakout Session**

1A Community Crisis Response <i>Deanna Jones-Keeshig</i>	Building Resilience, Building Health- <i>Leolani Ah Quin, Monica Taylor-Desir Kelly McGrady & Dr. Anita Martin</i>	1C Wahine Maori- <i>Maria Baker</i>	1D A Brotherhood for Men's Wellness- <i>Sandy Lambert & Frank Cohn</i>
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12.45pm –1.15pm **Breakout Session**

2A Buffalo Riders Training- <i>Jessica Ford</i>	2B Roots of Hope: Implementing a Community Suicide Prevention Project in La Ronge- <i>Cathy Wheaton & Nitika Rewari</i>	2C Suicide Risk and Resilience among Alaska Native American and Indian People: A multifaceted approach- <i>Julie Beans</i>
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1.15pm – 1.25pm *Break*

1.25pm –1.55pm **Breakout Session**

3A The Land of the Long Lost- <i>Kararaina Beckett aka Carol</i>	3B Creating a First Nations driven Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training- <i>Marsha Simmons</i>	3C Epigenetics & Indigenous Knowledge- <i>Mary Deleary</i>
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1:55 pm – 2.55pm **Engagement Sessions**

Youth Engagement - <i>Diandre Thomas-Hart & Ivana Yellowback</i>	2SLGBTQQIA+ Engagement- <i>Albert McLeod & Vanessa Tait</i>	Community Engagement - <i>Barry Indian & Ron Linklater</i>	Community Engagement - <i>Brittany Grisdale & Chelsea Meade</i>
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2.55pm- 3:00pm **Reflection- Next Day**

3.00pm- 3:30 pm **Self-Care Activity- Understanding the Sacredness of Life- Mary Maytwayashing**



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Tuesday August 24, 2021

10.30am – 10.40am **Opening Remarks and Check in**

10.40am – 11.25am **Keynote Speaker- Tanaya Winder**

11.30 am – 12.15pm **Workshops**

4A Healing Aspects of the
Land: Shkagamik Kwe
Nandwegonah- *Randy
Msheekehn Trudeau &
Marion Maar*

4B Homelands Connecting
Songs across lands and
oceans- *Maurial
Spearim, Katie Symes
Kee'ahn Bindol,
Belinda Duarte &
Michel Bruyere*

4C The Journey of the
Soul- *Jane Burning*

4D Community-led
Life Promotion-
*Mara Grunau &
Tanya Shaw*

12.15pm – 12.30pm *Break*

12.30pm – 1.00pm **Breakout Session**

5A Weaving Métis into
Suicide Prevention
Approaches-
*Reagan Bartel &
Nathaniel
LeChalifoux*

5B Time for Change-
Suzy Taylor

5C Improving cultural, social and
emotional wellbeing to address the
high suicide rates in Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander peoples-
Angela Ryder & Dr. Ee Pin Chang

1.00pm – 1.45pm **Youth Panel- Best Practices for Engaging Youth in Life Promotion-**
Megan Metz, Connor Lafortune, Taylor Behn-Tsakoza, Will Landon

1.45pm – 1.50pm *Break*

1:50pm – 2.35pm **Keynote Speaker- Michael Naera**

2.35pm – 2.40 pm **Reflections
Knowledge Keepers/Elders- Barbara and Grace**

3.00pm- 3.30 pm **Self-Care Activity- IZumba- Iskwew Health**



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Wednesday August 25, 2021

10.30am – 10.35am **Opening Remarks**

10.35am – 10.45am **Elders/Knowledge Keepers- Sheldon & Mary**

10.45am – 11.30am **Keynote Speaker- Joe Williams**

11.35am – 12.05pm **Breakout Session**

6A Culture as
Foundation-
*Deanna Jones-
Keeshig*

6B Culture and Suicide: Impact
of culture engagement for
wellness and healing- *Randi
Sager & Dr. Ivana
Djuraskovic*

6C Supporting the
Trajectory of our
Spirit- *Stephanie
Sinclair &
Valentina McKay*

12.05pm – 12.20pm *Break*

12.20pm – 1.05pm **Workshops**

7A Two-Spirit
Indigenous LGBTQI
Resurgence in the
21st Century- *Albert
McLeod*

7B Ancestral Pathways
to Wellness-
Whispering Pine
Training and
Consulting Co.- *Henry
Morgan & Jenny
Rudrum*

Wise Practices for
Relationship Building and
7C Partnerships: Lessons
learned from the
Promoting Life Together
Collaboration- *Kelly
Brownbill, Nancy Parker,
Despina Papadopoulos*

7D Strengthening Our
Connections to
Promote Life: A
Guide by
Indigenous Youth-
*Tia Piché, Tristen
Schneider, Marshall
Morriseau, Gabrielle
Jubenville*

1.05pm – 1.20pm *Break*

1.20pm – 2.05pm **Workshops**

8A Traditional Family
Parenting- *Janet
Fox*

8B I Carry my Heart-
*Mark Seabrook &
Michelle Hrynyk*

8C Sister Kate's
Home- *TJ Mia
& Glen Stasiuk*

2.05 pm – 2.35pm **Films/Videos**

9A *Youth Speaking
their Truth about Suicide-*
*Wayne Kaboni, Eric Schweig
Mentor & Daphne McRae*

9B *Kisahkihitin I
Love you-*
Video-
Rhonda Head

9C *Indigenous Ways to
Well-Being: Youth
Perspectives-*
*Doretta Harris &
Karen Kyliuk*

2.35pm – 2.45 pm **Reflection- Elders/Knowledge Keepers Barbara and Grace**

3.00pm- 3:30 pm **Self-Care Activity**



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Thursday August 26, 2021

10.30am – 10.40am **Opening Remarks**

10.40am – 11.25am **Keynote Speaker- Dr. Carol Hopkins**

11.30am – 12.00pm **Breakout Session**

10A
WE Matter- *Chelsea
Mulvale*

10B Breaking Cycles of
Abuse & Suicide-
Heal Innovate
Inspire- *Adele Hauwai
& Dr. Derek Chong*

10C Identifying Stories of Resilience within
Suicide Mortality Data: Implications for
community-based suicide prevention
strategies with Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Young People- *Mandy Gibson &
Raelene Ward*

12.00 pm – 12.15pm *Break*

12.15pm –12.45pm **Breakout Session**

11A Beadwork is
Medicine: Suicide
within Northern
Communities- *Tammy
Wolfe*

11B Finding
Strength-
*Amanda
Sanderson*

11C Feather Carriers: A
Leadership for Life-
*Ed Connors & John
Rice*

11D Project Yarn
Circle- *Charles
Roll , Uncle Mark
Robson & Mandy
Gibson*

12.45pm –1.30pm **Workshops**

12A Life Promotion for All
my Relations- *Megan
Metz & Ryan Moyer*

12B Thriving through Traumatic
Paths- *Sheldon Cote &
Angie Cote*

12C Debwetamowin- Faith
and Belief- *Vanessa
Cook & Sarah Martens*

1.30 pm – 2.15pm **Keynote Speaker- Honourable Murray Sinclair**

2.15pm –2.35 pm **Closing Ceremony**

3.00pm- 3.30 pm **Self-Care Activity - Lateral Kindness- Victoria Pruden**