



MEDIA ADVISORY

First Light Organizing Community Events for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation 2022

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St. John's, NL – On the second observance of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, First Light is organizing multiple events to support survivors of Indian Residential Schools, and to honour those who never made it home.

PRIVATE Community Event

Date: Friday, September 30, 2022
Time: 4 - 5:45pm
Location: The Fluvarium
5 Nagles Place
St. John's, Ktaqmkuk

What: A **PRIVATE** community gathering to support the healing of Residential School Survivors and their families who deal with the intergenerational trauma from the loss of culture and inhumane conditions of the Residential Schools. Media are welcome to view and record the space from 3-3:30pm, but will be asked to leave at 3:30pm.

PUBLIC Prayer Release Event

Date: Friday, September 30, 2022
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Pippy Park Courtyard
[Click here for link to location in Google Maps](#)
St. John's, Ktaqmkuk

What: A **PUBLIC** event will follow the private community gathering. This will provide an opportunity for members of the general public to come together in a spirit of reconciliation to release prayer ties into a fire. There will be Inuit and First Nations drumming and ceremonies.

First Light is a registered non-profit that has been serving both the Indigenous and non- Indigenous communities in St. John's since 1983. One of over 125 Friendship Centres, First Light provides programs and services rooted in the revitalization, strengthening, and celebration of Indigenous cultures and languages in the spirit of trust, respect, and friendship.

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