

Land Acknowledgements



A woman with short blonde hair, wearing a red and black plaid shirt, is speaking on a stage. She is gesturing with her hands. In the background, other people are visible but out of focus. The scene is lit with stage lights.

**IF WE'RE ON
SOMEONE
ELSE'S LAND,
SHOULDN'T WE
LEAVE?**

BARONESS VON SKETCH
SHOW



By the end of this session,

What are Land Acknowledgements?

The framework for a land acknowledgement?

How to begin your own land acknowledgement?

“I think that the territorial acknowledgement is by and large for non-Native people. So, if we're writing a script then providing a phonetic guide for how to recite the nation's names, then it doesn't really require much work on behalf of the people who are reciting that territorial acknowledgement.”

Hayden King



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The background features a collage of images: a close-up of a hand holding a leaf, a group of people in traditional attire, a field of green grass, and blue water with ripples. A central green rectangle contains the title text.

Writing a land acknowledgement

What makes a good land acknowledgement?

Knowing the history of the Indigenous territory you are on.

Correct pronunciation of the Indigenous communities in that territory.

Personal commitment to action.



A good recipe

Make it meaningful
**What is the goal of your land
acknowledgement?**

Do the work

Action is required

#Landback

A bad recipe



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what's the worst land acknowledgement you've ever seen? i don't know that anything will ever top this:

Vancouver Island University acknowledges that we are located on the traditional and unceded territory of the Snuneymuxw People, and we thank them for allowing us to live, laugh, love, and learn here.

Where Do You Come From?

Purpose of Activity

To assess your knowledge of local traditional lands and explore them, use NativeLand.ca as a teaching tool.

This exercise will have you learn more about where you come from and what the geography means to you and the Indigenous people that live on their land.



Maajtaa – get started

How many territories can they count? How many languages?

Find out which Indigenous lands you live on.

What do they know about the territory that they live on?

What do they know about the culture? (ex. events, traditions, etc.)

Where is your local reserve? (Find through the INAC First Nations Communities List) Do a quick web search to learn more about your Indigenous region's history.

Where did they live? Where are they located now?

Note which plants and animals exist in the area and note how geography impacts these traditions. Eg.: Families that live along the Skeena River traditionally fish salmon every summer as the salmon go to spawn upstream.

The background of the slide features a collection of feathers in various shades of brown, tan, and grey, some with intricate patterns. On the left side, there is a piece of fabric with a repeating geometric pattern in shades of blue and white. The overall aesthetic is natural and textured.

Let's Explore!

<https://native-land.ca/>

Indigenous Water Protection: Chippewa, Munsee, Oneida and the Thames River



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How do the Indigenous speakers relate to the land?

How do the speakers have relationships through the land?

How is this displayed?

What are the values of having recordings of activities like this?

How do they teach us more about the way that we and Indigenous people interact with the land?

Chii Miigwetch/Big Thank You



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