

A half-day session: June 15, 2018

# Reconciliation-What it means for me

*A safe, yet honest conversation about Reconciliation and the impacts of the Residential School system on Indigenous peoples and the country.*

## Overview

Time well spent. A moving and inspiring presentation on the legacy of the Residential School system in Canada with deep insights into the process of Reconciliation. It is an interwoven compilation of three short videos plus the presenter's personal stories, experiences and challenges stemming from his four years of work with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. It is a presentation meant to educate, enlighten and inspire greater understanding and an opportunity for further reconciliation. Participants will be asked to answer the questions, Why am I here?, What do I know about this issue? and What would I like to take away from this seminar?

**Audience** All Canadians

**Duration** Half Day - Beginning at 8:30 and ending at noon, with Tim answering questions until 1:00 pm.

**Price** \$159.00 plus HST

**Location** 170 Laurier Avenue West, Suite 700, Ottawa, Ontario

**How to register** Call Christiane Desautels at **613-230-6255** or email [cdesautels@bblockstech.com](mailto:cdesautels@bblockstech.com)



## Your Presenter

Tim O'Loan is a proud Indigenous veteran having served 10 years (1983-1993) in the military before starting his undergraduate degree in Political Science and his professional career. From 1998-2006, Tim was a Negotiator and an Intergovernmental Relations Analyst for the Government of the NWT. He then moved to Ottawa for his MA in Canadian Studies at Carleton. Tim was asked to join the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) in 2010 as the Advisor to the TRC Chair, Senator Murray Sinclair. Tim continues to make presentations on Reconciliation to a broad range of government departments, agencies, institutions and stakeholders.

## Testimonials

*"Your presentation was absolutely amazing. I have been to several workshops where we learned about the trauma caused by residential schools but I have never heard testimonies from survivors. This had quite an impact on me as I know it did the same for my colleagues. It is clear that as a staff, we are not all at the same place with regards to information on Indigenous affairs and reconciliation. Your workshop gave us a good foundation on which to build on. ~ Claire*

*"My mom and all her siblings went to the federal residential schools... I suffered a lot as a kid. Please continue your work...It's needed. ~ Natacha*

*"At a personal level, I wasn't expecting to face deep questions about my relationship with my mother...but I did and I thank you for that because I think it is a part of reconciliation. I am also certain that everybody in the room had their own view positive experience of the presentation and took something of great value from things that you shared. I hope you know that you also are a hero to share, educate, honor and encourage reconciliation. ~ Ariane*

*"May you continue to move hearts and open minds with the power of your message and know that your contributions to Reconciliation through sessions like the one we had are making a difference. ~ Grace*