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# INDIGENOUS VISIONS: RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

Hello, my name is Marcia Dawson and I am the consultant assisting Pearson College UWC on the establishment of an Indigenous Visions Reconciliation Plan. This email is your invitation to participate in one of four, one-day forums to engage in dialogue about Reconciliation at the College.

The purpose of these is to seek your advice and recommendations to inform the **Indigenous Visions: Reconciliation Action Plan** for the College. These forums will be hosted in February and March 2020 to hear from across the Pearson community, including students, alumni, faculty, staff and other adults, as well as from Indigenous community and organization leaders, to inform the plan and identify key actions required in the reconciliation journey and to ensure the success of students attending the College.

**This is a very important opportunity and I strongly urge you to attend the appropriate workshop.** To do so, please complete the attached form and return it to me at [marcia@marcia-dawson.com](mailto:marcia@marcia-dawson.com) on or before **February 14, 2020**. Thank you.

### Background:

In Fall 2019, a strategic framework was developed by an advisory committee that included Indigenous students, Indigenous alumni, leaders, faculty, staff and other adults at the College. This committee provided a framework for a Reconciliation Action Plan at Pearson. Pearson began the journey to work collaboratively in developing an Indigenous Vision. The intent was to explore how the College can strengthen its relationship with Indigenous People, provide a culturally responsive education system for Indigenous and non-Indigenous students and explore how the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action can be implemented at Pearson.

The College acknowledges the negative impact of historical and present-day colonization and assimilation policies on Indigenous people in what is now known as Canada. Pearson agrees with the TRC findings that the legacy of the Canadian government's system of residential schools for Aboriginal children needs to be redressed and acknowledges the strength and resilience of Indigenous peoples and cultures. The College is committed to addressing the systemic changes required to transform the College through an Indigenous Vision that reflects the needs, aspirations, and goals of Indigenous people in education and life trajectory. The College recognizes the journey to reconciliation is complex and must include Indigenous people and communities. This is not a step-by-step path; there will be both inspirational and uncomfortable conversations that will be required as part of the journey towards transformation and change.

An Indigenous Vision includes the creation of a Reconciliation Action Plan at the College that will inform the larger organizational strategic plan; one that outlines the commitments and key actions to support the journey towards systems change, increased awareness and acknowledgement of Indigenous history,

strengthened education for Indigenous and non-Indigenous students, and strengthened relationships with Indigenous people, communities and organizations.

For any questions about the forums or the framework of the **Indigenous Visions: Reconciliation Action Plan** please contact Marcia Dawson at [\*marcia@marcia-dawson.com\*](mailto:marcia@marcia-dawson.com) or Tyrone Pile, President and Head of College at [\*tpile@pearsoncollege.ca\*](mailto:tpile@pearsoncollege.ca).

## INDIGENOUS VISIONS: RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN REGISTRATION FORM

Please Return completed Form to [marcia@marcia-dawson.com](mailto:marcia@marcia-dawson.com) on or before FEB 14, 2020  
 If you have any questions, please call 250.813.2572

I will attend (please choose only 1)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | February 17, 2020 for Current Indigenous Students Attending Pearson College UWC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | February 21, 2020 for Indigenous Alumni of Pearson College UWC                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | February 28, 2020 for First Nations Communities and Aboriginal Organizations    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | March 23, 2020 for Faculty, Staff and Adults currently at Pearson College UWC   |

Name of Participant:	
Organization (if applicable):	
Title / Student / Alumni	
E-mail:	
Phone:	
Dietary Considerations:	
Accessibility Considerations:	

Financial Assistance may be available for individuals who require travel assistance, please contact Marcia to inquire about a travel subsidy.

**Please complete your registration on or before February 7, 2020 at 2 p.m.**

