



Q&A Period: Truth & Reconciliation Commission Report on Harm Caused to Indigenous Peoples by Their Overall Negative Experience at Residential Schools.

The Restorative Justice Section invites you to attend a Question and Answer period relating to the recent report issued by the Truth & Reconciliation Commission on the topic of the harm caused Indigenous peoples by their overall negative experience at residential schools.

The focus of the discussion will hopefully be the recommendations made by the TRC and the questions they asked all Canadians to consider. The questions presented by the Commission are: a. How should people feel?; b. What does reconciliation look like? c. Does it matter to you?; d. Where do we go from here?

The additional questions to consider possibly revolve around our involvement or non-involvement as mediators, facilitators, and peace makers. What are your thoughts?

The evening will be hosted by the Co-Chairs of the RJ Section, John Becker and Bunny Macfarlane. Robert Waldon will also join us as a representative of the Indigenous Issues and Reconciliation Working Group.



Bunny Macfarlane - Ms. Macfarlane is a mediator, circle keeper, arbitrator, facilitator and trainer. Her practice includes accident benefit claims, workplace conflict, civil disputes, training, restorative practices consulting, and coaching. She is a roster mediator with the Ontario Mandatory Mediation Program (OMMP), and the International Mediation Institute (IMI) and a former roster member of the Sports Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada. She held the position of Instructor of the Alternative Dispute Resolution course at Brock University for 6 years, and was a mediation and negotiation coach at the Stitt Feld Handy Group, as well as York University. Ms. Macfarlane was granted the Chartered Mediator designation in 2001 by the ADR Institute of Canada.

Ms. Macfarlane is an advocate for and promoter of all processes restorative. She is a Circle Keeper and Lead Trainer with Peacebuilders International as well as being a Community Conference Facilitator and Trainer with the Youth Criminal Justice Committees in Niagara. Bunny is also uniquely qualified as a Rights-Based Mediator by the Human Rights Commission.

Ms. Macfarlane is a past Board Member of the ADR Institute of Ontario, and is presently Chair of the Restorative Justice Section of the Institute. She serves on both the national Chartered Mediator Designation Appeals Committee and Trainers Selection Committee. Bunny also volunteers as a presenter for the Trillium Gift of Life Network.



John Becker is a Qualified Mediator with the Alternative Dispute Resolution Institute. An experienced professional dedicated to transformative, value-based practices, he is on the rosters of several organizations, including the ADR Institute, St. Stephen's Community House, Peacebuilders International and East Metro Youth Services.

John specializes in conflicts arising from addictions, compulsive behaviours, and concurrent disorders. His skills in conflict resolution typically effect significant change. Durable and holistic resolutions require the participation of family and community. With this intention, John uses peacekeeping circles to broaden support and care.

Skillful in diverse and culturally sensitive situations, he welcomes high-conflict cases in alternative communities and socioeconomically marginal circumstances. He works regularly with high-risk young people, including teens in the justice system.

A musician in his youth, John has a master's degree in ethnomusicology, and is now at the forefront of arts-based practices in conflict resolution. He often incorporates creative expression into his work. In recent years, the neuroscience of human nature has inspired his curiosity. He is also an accomplished writer, an engaging speaker, trainer, and workshop facilitator, and a popular mentor to new mediators. He received his initial mediation training in the peace and conflict studies program at Conrad Grebel College of the University of Waterloo.



R. D. (Bob) Waldon - ADRIO members may know Bob from his volunteer work on ADRIO's Public Conflicts Special Interest Section, or as convenor for the ADRIC2016 Indigenous Issues Workshop and the ADRIO Indigenous Issues and Reconciliation Working Group. His career includes senior management roles for pipelines, government departments and the Métis Nation of Ontario, as well as consulting to government and industry for Indigenous engagement, negotiations, mediation and community relations. Bob has been a volunteer mediator and facilitator since 2003 for Restorative Justice programs under the

Youth Criminal Justice Act.

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