



News release

National Sixties Scoop exhibit in Regina Public Library

September 9th, 2021

A travelling exhibit that tells the history of the Sixties Scoop, and its survivors will be on display at Regina Public Library's Central Library (2311 12th Avenue) on Wednesday, September 15th, 2021, from 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM.

The *Sixties Scoop Indigenous Society of Alberta* (SSISA), in partnership with Regina Public Library and the Legacy of Hope Foundation, is bringing the *Bi-Giwen: Coming Home – Truth Telling from the Sixties Scoop* exhibition to various Saskatchewan locations. The first of its kind, the exhibit shares the experiences of survivors, including twelve personal testimonials of strength and resilience.

On January 7th, 2019, Premier Scott Moe delivered a formal apology for past practices that led to the removal of Indigenous children from their families, resulting in a loss of culture, identity and connection to their communities. The effects of the Sixties Scoop are still felt by survivors and their families today.

“The Sixties Scoop Indigenous Society of Alberta (SSISA) is proud to bring this exhibit to Regina that describes the powerful and emotional stories and devastating impacts of Sixties Scoop in Canada. We are grateful for the ongoing support of Regina Public Library and the partnership with the Legacy of Hope Foundation, as we showcase this exhibit throughout Saskatchewan. The exhibit is an opportunity to share and educate Canadians about the history of Indigenous people in relation to the Sixties Scoop”.

- Adam North Peigan, President, Sixties Scoop Indigenous Society of Alberta

Background

The Sixties Scoop refers to government practices across Canada from the 1950s to the 1980s that led to an unknown number of First Nations, Metis and Inuit children taken from their parents, families and communities by child intervention services and placed in non-Indigenous families. Many of these children experienced abuse, mistreatment and neglect and lost touch with their families, communities, culture and traditional language.

The exhibit, *Bi-Giwen: Coming Home – Truth Telling from the Sixties Scoop* will travel to Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, North Battleford, Yorkton and Swift Current.

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