



National Indigenous Peoples Day 2026

Volunteer Opportunities

Date: Friday, June 19, 2026

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM or 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Bissell Centre 10527 96 Street NW

About the Day

National Indigenous Peoples Day is celebrated annually to recognize and honour the rich cultures, traditions, and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples in Canada. This important day promotes awareness of Indigenous history and supports reconciliation by celebrating the diverse heritages of over 1.8 million Indigenous people across the country. We are grateful for your support in making this celebration meaningful.

Key Responsibilities*

Volunteers will assist with event setup and then rotate through the following stations:

- Event Set up and Tear down
- Performer Support – Support performers in the Guest Room
- Performer Runner – Direct performers to the Guest Room, to and from the stage area, provide meals, etc.
- Food Services – work with Food Services to provide meals
- Sacred Fire – support the Fire Keeper at the Sacred Fire
- South Side Greeter – welcoming guests coming from the south barricades and directing performers to parking area
- North Side Greeter – welcoming guests coming in from the north barricade
- Clean up Support – Help keep the area clean

*Responsibilities may shift depending on the weather.

Training

No prior experience is required. A volunteer ambassador will be on site to brief you on your duties at each station, and you'll be fully supported throughout the event.

Logistics

Check-In

Please check in at the volunteer check-in table upon arrival to receive instructions, an apron, and a lanyard (if you did not bring your own white Bissell lanyard).

Check-Out

Please check at the volunteer check-in table before leaving and return your volunteer apron.

Clothing & Footwear

Please wear weather-appropriate clothing and shoes. This celebration takes place outdoors between the Bissell's downtown buildings.

Water & Refreshments

Please bring your own refillable water bottle. Water and coffee will also be available on site.

Parking

Free street parking is available on streets surrounding Bissell Centre. Please note that the small Visitor Parking area to the south of the East building is reserved for Elders and Performers attending the event.

Naloxone & Safety

If you suspect someone is experiencing drug poisoning, naloxone kits are available throughout the premises. All Bissell Centre staff are trained in how to administer naloxone.