

CALL TO ACTION:

THE CIRCLE STANDS WITH WET'SUWET'EN LAND AND WATER DEFENDERS GIVE GENEROUSLY AND IMMEDIATELY

While so-called British Columbia is experiencing climate emergencies, RCMP officers raided Wet'suwet'en land defenders and supporters as they uphold their laws and responsibilities as stewards of Wedzin Kwa. The increased militarization and harm caused to Indigenous land defenders, water protectors, and ongoing violation of Indigenous rights requires attention and action now.

The Circle on Philanthropy offers unequivocal support to Wet'suwet'en and uplifts all Indigenous peoples' labour and love stewarding their territories. Indigenous land protection is vital in responding to the climate crisis caused by colonization and capitalism. We recognize that Wet'suwet'en people enacting their rights on their territories are true acts of liberation and sovereignty that will benefit generations to come.

Prior to her arrest, Sleydo' stated:

“The Wet'suwet'en people, under the governance of their Hereditary Chiefs, are standing in the way of the largest fracking project in Canadian history. Our medicines, our berries, our food, the animals, our water, our culture, our homes are all here since time immemorial. We will never abandon our children to live in a world with no clean water. We uphold our ancestral responsibilities. There will be no pipelines on Wet'suwet'en territory.”

Demonstrating solidarity is upholding the [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#), which provides the foundation for the [Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Actions](#) and the [Philanthropic Community's Declaration of Action](#).

We call on our [settler philanthropic members](#) and broader community to use your personal and professional power to:

1. Activate your financial capital, [abundantly](#) and immediately to:
<http://go.rallyup.com/wetsuwetenstrong>.
2. To increase your understanding of the action, the issues, and ongoing injustices, follow:
 - a. [The Gidimt'en Checkpoint page on Facebook](#)
 - b. [@Gidimten on Twitter](#)
 - c. [@yintah access on Instagram](#)
3. Continue to do your research and stay informed as this situation continues to unfold - this struggle is not new and it is not unique to any one area or Indigenous peoples
4. Amplify the labour and the strength of Wet'suwet'en peoples upholding their rights. You can do so through social media, conversations with family and friends, and dialogue with colleagues
5. Continue to support land defenders by learning about, understanding, and implementing investment screens - see the [Reconciliation and Responsible Investment Initiative educational resources](#)