

CALL TO ACTION

MI'KMAQ TREATY RIGHTS
MOOSE MORATORIUM BLOCKADES
1492 LANDBACK LANE
WET'SUWET'EN LAND DEFENCE

The Circle on Philanthropy stands in solidarity with the ongoing labour of Indigenous peoples in their efforts to steward, protect, harvest from and occupy their lands and resources.

The act of stewardship shown by those on the front lines in these moments is one we can all aspire to. To act with clarity, dignity and with the broader scope of care for the generations to come is being called an act of violence, disobedience and inconvenient when it is truly an act of liberation and sovereignty.

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which is the foundation for the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Actions and the Philanthropic Community's Declaration of Action calls us to act - especially in times like this.

We've put together a clear and easy pathway for support to a variety of focused direct action funds for our members, their families, communities and philanthropic institutions to contribute to.

Please take a look at the resources below to provide you with more information on the range of current issues, acts of stewardship and defence that Indigenous communities are actively engaged in. Support by spreading awareness of these issues within your families and community networks and activate your social capital to give abundantly.

Recognize that charitable giving aligned with UNDRIP and The TRC often won't look like status quo charity (you may not be able to donate through usual donation avenues like Canada Helps, nor will your giving prompt a tax receipt). We are specifically asking our members and those connected to and/or are benefitting from our labour to become comfortable with that idea. Consider non-receiptable giving as a bold act of demonstrating support.

There is nothing complex about these issues - you either stand for and are working to enable the sovereignty of Indigenous peoples or you are not. We invite those who have this clarity about their labour to amplify this call to action and calls for support.

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We connected with Jessica Bolduc and Dani Lanouette ([4Rs Youth Movement \(4Rs\)](#)) and Gabrielle Fayant for resources related to:

- The Mi'kmaq asserting their treaty rights while settler commercial fishermen engage in racist acts of violence, threats, property damage and attempts to stop Mi'kmaw peoples from fishing. (Nova Scotia)
- The Moose moratorium blockades at which members of the Algonquin Nation are enforcing a ban on the sport hunting of moose on their ancestral lands. (Quebec)

Jess shared this resource on [how you can support and learn more about what is happening](#) on the ground in Unceded Mi'kma'ki.

Dani [shared this resource list](#) related to the Moose Moratorium blockade. She also shared some resources with us for added context for the Moose Moratorium blockade work:

- [Algonquin Nation declares state of emergency due to over-hunting in Quebec wildlife reserve](#) (April 2019)
- [Algonquin community enforces its own moratorium on moose hunting in Quebec wildlife reserve](#)
- [Algonquin communities increase checkpoints in Quebec wildlife reserve to enforce moose hunting ban](#)

Gabrielle shared this [Fundraiser for 2020 Moose Moratorium by Tina Notty](#).

We also want to amplify:

- 1492 Landback Lane work:
 - Six Nations Land Defenders have mobilized to stop the Mackenzie Meadows housing development project bordering the town of Caledonia. Mackenzie Meadows is one of several housing developments within the area that are directly violating the sovereignty of the Haudenosaunee. (Ontario)
 - [Landback Lane Colour of Light](#)
 - [Landback Lane Legal Fund](#)

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- Wet'suwet'en land defence work (British Columbia):
 - [Unistoten Camp](#)
 - [Wet'suwet'en Strong](#)

We call on you to use the above resources to begin your understanding and action, but to also do your own research and stay informed as both the situations evolve. While doing so please be mindful of the myths and language being used. Jess shared added wisdom with us on the rhetoric of “illegal” vs. “conservation”. The use of language in this way is harmful as it separates the rights of Indigenous peoples from land/sea conservation work in order to act in racist ways disguised as advocacy.

Gratitude and appreciation to Gabby, Dani and Jess for your labour in compiling the above resources, for organizing community support and for your ongoing leadership. The Circle team is honoured to be in connection and friendship with you.

In solidarity,

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