



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30th is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This day honours the survivors of the residential school system, the children who never returned home as well as their families and communities. This day of commemoration is a vital part of the reconciliation process on Turtle Island (Canada) as it deepens our collective awareness of colonialism and ensures ongoing reflection across Turtle Island for years to come.

I Lost My Talk
By: Rita Joe

*I lost my talk
The talk you took away.
When I was a little girl
At Shubenacadie school.*

*You snatched it away:
I speak like you
I think like you
I create like you
The scrambled ballad, about my
world.*

*Two ways I talk
Both ways I say,
Your way is more powerful.*

*So gently I offer my hand and ask,
Let me find my talk
So I can teach you about me.*

The CUPE Atlantic Maritime Indigenous Council (CAMIC) encourages all CUPE members to tie an orange ribbon or wear an orange shirt as a sign of respect to these Indigenous children and their families, and to support healing in Indigenous communities. For inquiries, please email: cupe.atl.mar.indigenous.council@gmail.com.

In Solidarity,
CAMIC members

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