

Land Acknowledgments 101

For Project
Leaders

Consider where a land acknowledgement best fits into your event. Often, they fit well at the start of your event and then perhaps again at the end.

Reflect on the meaning behind a land acknowledgement, why it is important, and what you want the intended outcomes to be.

Know who the Indigenous occupants of the land are and how to pronounce the Indigenous names; know the names of relevant treaties (most of British Columbia is unceded/not covered by treaties) and how to pronounce relevant place names. For help visit: <https://www.whose.land/en/>

Use the right language: don't misrepresent the past and ongoing situations of Indigenous peoples by using sugar coated words. Use the present tense to refer to existing Indigenous peoples.

If you seek out an Indigenous community member to do a land acknowledgement, compensate them for their labour.

