

Ki Kiiidowininaand Maamawi'Opiwin: Our Language Our Identity

Manitoba Aboriginal Languages Strategy

Gathering for Our Languages

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Manitoba Aboriginal Languages Strategy (MALS) was created to promote, revitalize, and support Aboriginal Languages throughout Manitoba. Ancestral knowledge, as carried in our languages, songs, stories, community histories, and other key practices and customs, connect and bridge generations. The languages of First Nations, Métis and Inuit teach us about who we are as a people. Language creates a strong connection from the past to the present and helps shape Indigenous identity. We recognize the importance of land and the role that the land plays in connecting to our language and history. We also recognize that learning can take place beyond the walls of a classroom.

In this "International Decade of Indigenous Languages," MALS is pleased to host a two-day language symposium. We invite Knowledge Keepers, Elders, educators, students and other interested community members and allies to this year's conference. This year's conference theme is "Ki Kiiidowininaand Maamawi'Opiwin: Our Language Our Identity." The symposium will take place during National Indigenous History Month, and we invite you to come and share in two days of language celebration and revitalization.

We invite an interactive approach to share language and welcome individual workshop sessions that may include, but are not limited to:

- Aboriginal writing systems
- Teaching language in the digital age
- Language apps
- Teacher apprenticeships & Aboriginal language immersion programming
- Local initiatives & best practices
- Grandparents and our languages
- Teaching Aboriginal languages
- Community based Aboriginal languages programs
- Language and the Land
- Language program models
- Language Resources
- Stories, songs, and teachings
- Sharing research and policy related to Aboriginal languages

If you would like additional information about the conference, please email: symposium.mals@gmail.com

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