



“Never doubt for a moment that a small group of dedicated citizens can change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has”

Margaret Mead

Diversity in Action



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Aboriginal Peoples

We are as diverse in our backgrounds, languages and beliefs as people in any other community.

We:

- ◆ have different ways of living that honour our traditions
- ◆ are building strong communities
- ◆ have different ways of learning
- ◆ honour Mother Earth
- ◆ have different beliefs

Dealing with stereotypes

We have lived far too long with stereotypes about all areas of our lives. Many of these stereotypes have left a negative image of our people. They cause you to:

- ◆ look down on us
- ◆ pretend we are not there
- ◆ worry about living next door to us
- ◆ judge our culture by your standards
- ◆ give us hostile looks or make hurtful comments

Take time to listen to us. Get to know us. We have much in common with you. And much to show you, too.

We have a right to:

- ◆ respect
- ◆ equal opportunity
- ◆ acceptance
- ◆ an end to common stereotypes
- ◆ open and honest communication

We want to be recognised as equals in a society which values our culture and respects us as individuals. We have rights just as anyone else living on this earth.

Aboriginal peoples do co-operate and participate in discussions and solutions.

Our spirits are free and soaring.

We:

- ◆ do listen
- ◆ do care, and
- ◆ do work hard

We’re good housing co-op members... just like YOU!

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All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights
Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)