MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO
YOUTH ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

Dear Métis Youth:

Completed questionnaire can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to Kristina Jewell at:

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You can also complete the questionnaire online by following the below link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CWJRGX8

Please submit your questionnaire no later than August 20, 2014. Any submissions received after August 20th will not be included in our roll up.

As a thank you for your interest in the Métis Youth Engagement project the Métis Nation of Ontario offers you the opportunity of having your name submitted for the chance to win 1 of 3 Dell Venue 7 IPAD. The draw will take place on September 5, 2014. Your name will automatically be entered in the draw when you submit your completed questionnaire.
Dear Métis Youth,

What you think and experience is important to the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO).

The MNO wants to ensure it has an understanding of matters of importance to Métis Youth across the province. This understanding is essential to make sure that the MNO's work, including our proposals to and interactions with the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada, represent the real needs and interests of Métis Youth to the best of our ability.

This is why getting your feedback on a number of strategic questions is needed. The timing of engagement with Métis Youth is ideal because we are laying the groundwork for better programs and services to Métis youth. It is also ideal because we are preparing a submission to the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) concerning the development of a province-wide multi-year Aboriginal Children and Youth Strategy.

MCYS has recognized that their current ways of delivering programs and support services to Métis, First Nations and Inuit children and youth need improvement. The Ministry is working with the MNO and other Aboriginal partners in designing and developing programs that are more community-driven and culturally appropriate.

You have an opportunity to say what is important to you individually and collectively, to identify barriers and challenges that you may encounter, and to define what success means to you. You can speak up about subjects like health, relationships, culture, education, employment and other things that are important to you.

Whether you are participating in one of our discussion groups in your community, responding online, or using this booklet to send in your responses by mail, you will be providing meaningful information to the MNO.

Thank you for participating and sharing your knowledge, ideas and experiences. Always remember that there is a large extended family in the MNO that is working with and for you, to encourage you to be “the best you can be”. We believe in you and know that you will continue to make us proud.

All the best in your future endeavours.

Sincerely,

Gary Lipinski
President
Basic Demographic Questions

- Year of Birth ________________
- Gender ________________
- Are you currently attending school full-time or part-time?
  Circle: Yes / No
  - If yes, circle number and attendance type that best applies to your situation:
    1. High school  PT (Part-time) / FT (Full-Time)
    2. Community College  PT / FT
    3. University  PT / FT
    4. Trades Apprenticeship  PT / FT
    5. Employment Training  PT / FT
  - If no:
    6. Working full-time
    7. Working part-time in
      - 1 job □
      - 2 or more jobs □
    8. Looking for work/unemployed □
    9. Other ____________________________

- Currently working and going to school? ________________
- Are you a parent?  Circle: Yes / No
  - If yes, what ages are your child(ren)? ________________
    ___________________________________________________________
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Questionnaire

Please complete the questionnaire as fully and completely as possible. There are no right or wrong answers. It is not a test! The comments you provide in the questionnaire as well as in today’s discussion will be summarized in a final report on Métis Youth Engagement. Your name will not be identified in the report and this information will be treated with utmost confidentiality.

1. How would you describe a successful Métis youth? (What are the qualities and characteristics of a successful Métis youth?)

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2. What challenges or barriers have you overcome so far as a Métis youth?

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3. What challenges or barriers will you need to overcome to reach your definition of success for yourself?

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4. At what age did you first become involved with the MNO through accessing programs, services, or events?

5. What MNO programs, services, or events other than this event have you participated in? Please list them

6. Was your experience with MNO programs and services positive? (If yes, why was your experience positive?, if no, what could have improved your experience?)

7. Have you been involved in the MNO in any other way including volunteerism and participation in governance? (If so, please list your involvement)

8. What programs and services specifically designed for Métis children/youth would you like (or have liked) to be available to you, or to your children (if you have any children)
   a. During Kindergarten to Grade 12?
b. During college or university?


c. During employment search, apprenticeship, or employment training programs?


9. What do you think needs to be done to make schools (elementary, secondary and post-secondary) safer and more accepting for Métis learners?


10. What do you think are the most important goals and outcomes that Métis Youth programs and services should strive to achieve?


a. Why are these the most important? Please give reasons why you listed those goals and outcomes as the most important.


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11. In your experience, are schools, community programs, and support services in your community doing a good job at providing what you need to become a successful adult?

Yes / No  Please explain what you think is working well or what you think is not working well.


12. Is it important that programs and services encourage your connection with Métis identity and culture? (why?)


13. In an ideal Ontario that is supportive of all Aboriginal youth, what programs and services specifically for Métis youth (whether they presently exist or not) would you want to be available to you?


14. In this ideal Ontario supportive of Métis youth, how will you find and use the programs and services that you need?


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- Name: ________________________________
- Phone Number: __________________________
- Email address: ___________________________