

MNO Education & Training
**CULTURE &
WAY OF LIFE**

**IMPACT
REPORT
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Métis Nation
of Ontario 

WHAT WE DO

As the Culture and Way of Life (CWOL) team, we are committed to promoting and delivering Métis cultural programming. We play a key role in nurturing Métis pride, building connections, and offering culturally grounded resources. We support and guide cultural events and programming, develop new resources, support community wellness, host initiatives for youth and families, and engage with Elders and Knowledge Holders to ensure our work is respectful and accurate. In resisting colonial impacts, it is essential to promote our history, values, culture, languages, traditions, and way of life – so that Métis youth and families feel pride in their heritage and the stories of Métis are honoured and shared.

YOUTH CULTURE CAMPS

Our Youth Culture Camps connect Métis youth in grades 10 to 12 (ages 15-18) with Senators, Knowledge Holders, and MNO staff through seasonal, land-based gatherings that preserve and celebrate traditional and contemporary Métis culture and way of life. These immersive camps offer meaningful opportunities for participants to deepen their understanding of Métis knowledge systems, strengthen leadership and resilience, discuss transitions into post-secondary, and foster a strong sense of belonging and self-determination. The program emphasizes teamwork, personal growth, and reflection through hands-on, culturally rooted activities delivered in dynamic outdoor and community settings.

"These camps have genuinely shaped how my son sees his identity as a Métis person. He has a firmer, deeper understanding of our community, our history, our ties, and our culture."

"This team has been instrumental in laying the foundation for stronger, more connected Métis communities. These camps don't just build skills or provide youth the chance to get outside, they build leaders, knowledge keepers, and friendships that will last a lifetime."

"I learned so much about my culture and my Métis community!"

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BY THE NUMBERS

36

youth attendees across the 3 Youth Culture Camps held

21

presentations and training sessions delivered for MNO staff

CULTURE & WAY OF LIFE SUPPORT

The Culture & Way of Life team develops and delivers culturally grounded programming and support for both internal and external partners, including community councils, citizens, staff, volunteers, governments, and educational collaborators. Within the MNO, the team provides mentorship, advisory support, and cultural expertise to guide the development of resources and activities, fostering a deeper understanding of Métis histories and values.

"This is by far the most I've learnt at a training yet... And all things that we can go home and implement right away. I am so thankful to have been a part of this!"

"The hands-on learning was very informative! The presentations combined with the activities and real life stories made this training extremely beneficial and full of great information."

"This training opportunity has been the best I have attended for a very long time with MNO. Thank you for this amazing opportunity!"

"I stayed away from many cultural activities because I was never properly taught. This training has given me not only confidence in teaching these skills but plenty of knowledge about each skill."

ABOUT EDUCATION & TRAINING

The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Statement of Prime Purpose has a key objective: to encourage academic and skills development and help citizens achieve their educational aspirations. Thirty years ago, the MNO established the Education & Training Branch to accomplish this, offering training initiatives funded by the Métis Human Resources Development Agreement. Since its inception in 1996, our branch has grown to include a comprehensive range of programs that support citizens throughout their educational journeys: from early learning through kindergarten to grade twelve, into adulthood through post-secondary education, and into employment and the job market. We also work to retain and revitalize our languages, honour our culture and way of life, and provide ongoing learning outside formal education structures.

As a branch, we also advocate for an inclusive education system by ensuring a Métis voice in education decisions, including the development of education policies and programs in Ontario. Our expertise and investments are critical to educational outreach, resource development, and the development and implementation of education action plans, achieved through productive engagement with Provincial and Federal ministries. We foster partnerships among communities, school boards, colleges, universities, the employment sector, and other key stakeholders to create a culture of lifelong learning within our communities. We are here to support Métis learners, educators, job seekers, and citizens who engage with education systems.

While our mission remains the same, our distribution and implementation of education & training initiatives have changed dramatically since 1996: training and support programs have been made more accessible to citizens by harnessing new technologies and digital platforms such as the MNO Education Hub and Learn Michif-Français mobile apps, social media, online learning and training modules, and streamlined online program applications. While we continue to seek ways to modernize the branch for our citizens by implementing new platforms and tools, we take great pride in being Métis, and it is essential for us to stay true to our cultural values and history. Thirty years later, our branch continues to look forward to sharing our traditions with future generations as we aspire to achieve our highest potential.

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ABOUT THE ET BRANCH SASH

One of the most prominent symbols of the Métis Nation is the brightly coloured, woven sash. Originally used for both practical purposes and cultural expression, the sash holds deep significance within Métis culture. The Education & Training Branch has its own special sash, featuring colours representing the different teams and important ideologies.

Light Green: Early Learning & Child Care

Purple: Kindergarten - Grade 12

Light Blue: Post-Secondary Education

Yellow: Métis Languages Initiatives

Red: Employment & Training

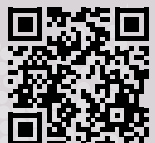
Dark Green: All E&T programs coming together to support a Métis person's lifelong learning journey

Dark Blue: Métis inclusion in all learning environments

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