

Speakers' Biographies



Dr. Ruth Green

Dr. Ruth Green is an Associate Professor in the School of Social Work at York University. Ruth uses She/her pronouns. She is an activist turned accidental academic. Green identifies as an urban Indigenous person and is a citizen of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. She is from the Kanien'keha:ka Nation and is a member of the Turtle Clan. She was born a Canadian but was 1/2 disenfranchised when she was 10 years old. By the time she was 34.5 years old she was completely disenfranchised. She acknowledges the privileges she gets in a world of identity politics to be governed by legislation that is 100 years older than she is! She also acknowledges her paternal Celtic heritage. Green likes to think about Indigenous education and social issues that impact Indigenous communities. She has a PhD from OISE in Adult Education and Community Development, an MSW and a BSW from X University now known as Toronto Metropolitan University.



Martha Toulouse

Martha Toulouse is from an Indigenous community called Salgamok Anishnabek from Northern Ontario. She went to high school in a small town called Espanola, and then moved to Sudbury, to attend Cambrian College. After completing her program, she moved to Sault Ste. Marie, to attend Algoma University. Upon completing university, she then completed a 4-year Native Language Instructors' Program in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Once she got her certification for the NLIP program, she relocated to Toronto. Now, she is the Ojibwe Language teacher at 2 different schools: Humewood and Bala Community School. She has been teaching Anishnabemowin at these schools for over 14 years.

Martha will be sharing her story and giving us a snapshot of the journey, her family endured during those years of residential schools. We are settlers who occupy this land, and this event hopes to educate, unlearn and relearn in order to impact Indigenous communities in a positive way!