

BFI Ontario Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

BFI Ontario recognizes that its work, and the work of the hospitals and community health services that are a part of BFI Ontario, take place across the traditional Indigenous lands and territories that many of us call Ontario. We are thankful to be able to work and live in these territories. As we gather, we remind ourselves to respect and nurture our relationship to this land, and give thanks to the First Nations, Metis and Inuit people who have cared for these territories since time-immemorial. BFI Ontario is honoured to collaborate with Indigenous people, stakeholders and organizations. We encourage everyone at this meeting to learn about the Indigenous lands, treaties and peoples in and around the places where you live, to reflect on the enduring presence and resilience of Indigenous peoples, and to work together on building better relationships that support systemic change.

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