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Ever wonder what the world would be like if society was more inclusive of Indigenous Peoples? Imagine a world that understood long-held perspectives on peace and friendship. What it truly means to be responsible stewards of Mother Earth. If we were able to understand and integrate holistic, Indigenous values into all aspects of our lives.

This session will explore some wise practices to be more inclusive of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit. It will range from establishing and fostering meaningful relationships, to enhancing project-related engagement, to simply being a good ally. With these five ideas, you and your organization will be well prepared to be a good ally of Indigenous Peoples in support of Truth and Reconciliation.

This webinar is being offered from a traditional, Anishinaabe perspective, integrating ceremony, protocols, lived experience, and Indigenous ways of knowing and being.

Bob Goulais is Anishinaabe from Nipissing First Nation. He is second degree member of the Three Fires Midewiwin Society and a committed advocate of advancing Indigenous ways of knowing and being.



Bob is a sought-after speaker, traditional teacher, facilitator and Master of Ceremonies, providing valuable cultural context and traditional knowledge to diverse audiences across Canada.

In 2015, he founded Nbisiing Consulting Inc., and specializes in Indigenous community engagement, communications, cultural advisory services, cultural competency training, public policy, and management consulting. Bob provides direct services to many clients in the areas of land-use planning and urban planning.

An experienced senior executive and consultant, Bob has provided over 20 years of leadership and public service to industry, government, not-for-profit, and Indigenous organizations.



Five Good Ideas

1. Be values-based in everything you do, especially your interactions with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit.
 - a. Be respectful, meaningful, and collaborative.
 - b. Consider integrating Indigenous values and ways of being.
2. Involve First Nations, Métis, and Inuit. Consider co-development, collaboration, and partnerships when possible.
 - a. Focus on relationships rather than on projects.
 - b. Consider MOUs, collaboration agreements, and co-developed work plans.
3. Consider developing a Reconciliation Action Plan.
4. Take cultural competency or cultural safety training, and commit to lifelong learning about First Nations, Métis, and Inuit.
5. Consider personal, sustained action as an ally to First Nations, Métis, and Inuit.

Resources

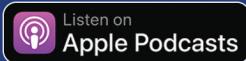
- Bob's personal [Reconciliation Resource List](#)
- City of Toronto's [Reconciliation Action Plan](#)
- Truth and Reconciliation Commissions (TRC) [Calls to Action](#)
- Trent University's [Indigenous Protocol Guidebook](#)
- Indigenous Relations: [Insights, Tips & Suggestions to Make Reconciliation a Reality by Bob Joseph](#)
- [UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#)



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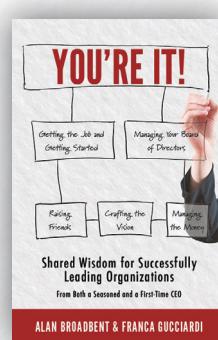
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