



Mistikôsiwak (Wooden Boat People): Resurgence of the People
Kent Monkman (2019).



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Winnipeg: Ground Zero



- Winnipeg's is 14% Indigenous - a population historically hard hit by forced assimilation through elimination of the Bison and the Residential School System, the decimation of traditional lands by Manitoba Hydro and the on-going institutionalized racism stunting authentic Cultural Resurgence.
- Winnipeggers successful in the dominant economic culture typically move to large acreages on Treaty 1 Territory surrounding the city.
- The way of life on these acreages is typified by long commutes and "beautifying" by battling the encroachment of nature with chemicals, firearms and physical barriers.
- This has resulted in the economic and cultural hollowing of an urban core unequipped to handle the victims of cultural genocide flooding in from woefully funded Reserves.

Indigenous Resurgence = an Environmental Movement



**What non-profits promote resurgence in
my community?**

“In multiple sites across the world, Indigenous peoples are leading political and social movements for environmental justice. Indigenous history, politics, epistemologies and resistance have much to offer in the way of advancing an aggressive agenda to mitigate climate change—Indigenous communities and collectives across the planet currently protect eighty percent of the world’s biodiversity and climate science has repeatedly indicated that water, land, and ecosystems under the care and governance of Indigenous peoples have been kept more in-tact in terms of species survival and the retention of intact and functioning ecosystems, and they are less ravaged by the longstanding impact of global racial capitalism.1 Indeed, Indigenous peoples are holding the line against some of the most destructive and violent environmental projects, both slow and fast, across the globe.”

Jaskaran Dhillon, 2022

Marymound is a Source of Vigour in my Community



What do the Intergenerational effects of cultural genocide look like?

→ Indigenous youth in Winnipeg's North End experiencing addictions and homelessness.

Reconciliation is: Reconnecting youth with the Land, Indigenous teachings and their communities

Resurgence is: Youth and their communities regaining agency over their lives and Land.

**The
Marymound
Effect:**





Marymound provides a continuum of care to support children, youth and families as they overcome, advance and belong.



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Youth Addictions and Crisis Stabilization



Indigenous Healing Supports



Clinical Healing Supports



Education and Life Skills



Community Connections



Reconciliation and Resurgence

SITUATING MYSELF



I moved to Winnipeg's North End 5 years ago where I am a Learning Support Teacher for an Indigenous Cultural Credit Program.

I live down the street from Marymount (10 houses to the left in the photo) on the bank of the Red River within Treaty 1 Territory.

I spent two years on Marymount's Programs Committee learning about the services they provide and connecting my family and students to community pow wows and feasts hosted at Marymount.

I recently joined the Marymount Board and head our **new signature fundraising event.**

The goals of this event are to provide ongoing funds for programming and to further pass-on autonomy over Marymount to the North End Indigenous community.