Explore the history and legacy of the Residential School System in Canada

Exhibition hosted by the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board

Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2013
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Location: Auditorium at 440 Albert Street, Ottawa, ON
Who can attend? Open to the public and free of charge.

For more information please contact Kristin Kopra, Aboriginal Education Instructional Coach for the OCDSB, at (613) 596-8211 ext. 8159 or visit the Legacy of Hope website at http://www.legacyofhope.ca/projects/100-years-of-loss-exhibition

Light refreshments/snacks will be served. Participants will have an opportunity to view the exhibition after the opening ceremony. Please note that the exhibition is intended for ages 12 and up.
From October 15-25, 2013 the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board is hosting the Legacy of Hope Foundation’s 100 Year of Loss bilingual mobile exhibition at the Continuing Education Centre at 440 Albert Street. This exhibition is designed to raise awareness about the history and legacy of residential schools. While with us, the exhibit will serve as an educational fieldtrip for grade 7-12 classes as well as a community education hub for Ottawa residents who wish to learn more about the residential school system.

For over a century, beginning in the mid-1800s and continuing into the late 1990s, Aboriginal children in Canada were taken from their homes and communities and placed in institutions called residential schools run by religious orders in collaboration with the federal government. Separated from their families and prohibited from speaking their native languages and practicing their culture, the vast majority of the over 150,000 children that attended these schools experienced neglect and suffering. The impacts of mental, sexual, and physical abuse, shame, and deprivation endured at Indian Residential Schools continue to affect generations of Survivors, their families, and communities today. Remarkably, in the face of this tremendous adversity, many Survivors and their descendants have retained their language and their culture and continue to work toward healing and reconciliation.

The 100 Years of Loss exhibition is produced by the Legacy of Hope Foundation in partnership with the Aboriginal Healing Foundation, and with support from the Department of Canadian Heritage, and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada.