



## In Support of Indigenous Rights and Leadership

We are on a journey as an organization to recognize and redress the harms of colonization. We recognize that much of the wealth of philanthropy originates from extractive relationships with the land and people, particularly First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples. Canadian philanthropy continues to under-fund Indigenous people and Indigenous-led initiatives, despite persistent social and economic inequities.

MakeWay works to advance reconciliation by supporting work directly led by Indigenous people and communities. We are primarily a settler-led organization, and we recognize the power, privilege, and responsibility in this position. When we partner with Indigenous communities, we do so with a recognition of the history of colonization, and we emphasize relationship and trust-building as essential first steps.

So much of our work is inspired by the leadership, wisdom, and science in Indigenous communities: connection to land, the responsibility of humans to other species, and the power of cultural and language resurgence. We continue to learn and un-learn to support nation re-building.

Our vision of nature and communities thriving together requires significant systemic changes in Canada to appropriately address the well-being and rights of Indigenous peoples, as laid out in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/declaration-on-the-rights-of-indigenous-peoples.html>, and we are committed to advancing this.

MakeWay is a signatory to The Philanthropic Community's Declaration of Action <https://www.the-circle.ca/the-declaration.html>, a commitment to using philanthropic resources in service to Reconciliation.

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