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“Towards Right Relations with Native Peoples” Peace Project

Friends Peace Teams is a Spirit-led organization working to develop long-term relationships with communities in conflict around the world to create programs for peace building, healing and reconciliation.

Purpose of the Peace Project

*To bring information to non natives by facilitators from the Puyallup tribe, the Peace Project and others regarding the Doctrine of Discovery and the impact of the Indian Civilization Act Fund of March 3, 1819 and the Peace Policy of 1869.

*To support natives and non natives in a process of healing from this trauma.

The Indian Boarding School Policy was expressly intended to implement cultural genocide through the removal and reprogramming of American Indian and Alaska Native children to accomplish the systematic destruction of Native cultures and communities. The stated purpose of this policy was to “Kill the Indian, Save the Man.”

Goals of the Peace Project

*To have community wide citizen involvement in the project;

*To assist the Vashon community’s understanding of “terra nullis” and how land acknowledgment statements can be an act of healing;

*To involve government, schools, churches, historical societies, artists and citizens in the programs offered by the Peace Project;

*To provide ongoing respect and support for sovereign rights of tribes who call Vashon home.

Resources

“The Land is Not Empty”

by Sarah Augustine

“Discovering Indigenous Lands”

by Robert J. Miller, Jacinta Ruru, and others

[How Thousands of Indigenous Children Vanished in Canada](https://www.nytimes.com)

<https://www.nytimes.com> › World › Canada

YouTube: Search National Boarding School healing, Doctrine of Discovery

PBS News Hour 6/23/21. <https://youtu.be/gRNcCCgnaul>

Websites:

<https://friendspeaceteams.org/trr/#whatwedo>

<https://boardingschoolhealing.org>