

Uncovering Belonging

Land Acknowledgement Transcript

Jade (they/them): I'm Jade Pichette (they/them).

Erin Davis (she/her): and I'm Erin Davis and I use the pronouns she and her.
Welcome to uncovering belonging.

Jade (they/them): We're both in the inclusion, diversity, equity and accessibility space, and believe in the importance of recognizing our own ancestry, our social location and where we live, work, and play. So, I want to recognize that I am a white settler of Scottish British and culturally French-Canadian descent born on the unseated traditional territory of the Algonquin Anishinabe nation now known as Ottawa.

For the past decade, I've been very grateful to live, work and play in thought Tkarón:to or Toronto. And Pride at Work Canada's offices are based and located here in Toronto as well. Toronto is covered by Treaty 13, signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaties signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.

These lands and waters are the traditional homes and territories of and cared for by the Anishinaabeg, Huron-Wendat, Chippewa, Haudenosaunee, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Today, Toronto is home to Indigenous Afro-Indigenous and Urban Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

I believe in the importance of supporting Indigenous resurgence, doing our own decolonization work and supporting efforts of Indigenous resurgence throughout Turtle Island, but also where I call home.

Erin Davis (she/her): And from Edmonton, a Treaty 6 homelands of the Métis people, Cree, Dene, Sauteaux, the Nakota Sioux, and Blackfoot. We would like to acknowledge a thank the diverse Indigenous peoples whose footsteps have marked this territory for centuries. It is a welcoming place for all peoples who come from around the world to share Edmonton as a home. May we continue to pursue truth, reconciliation, decolonization, and allyship, and an ongoing effort to make right with all our relations.