



### Ways to Make Your Event Inclusive

In organizing your *Celebrations on The Great Trail* Canada 150 event, you are encouraged to engage everyone including Anglophone and Francophone communities, New Canadians and minority groups in order to promote inclusion and highlight diversity.

We also encourage you to engage the Indigenous communities in your region and have them participate in the event as a way of sharing Indigenous culture with non-Indigenous Canadians and recognizing the traditional territory on which the event takes place. Here is some information to get you started:

- **National Association of Friendship Centres (NAFC)**
  - The National Association of Friendship Centres (NAFC) is a network of 118 Friendship Centres and seven Provincial and Territorial Associations from coast to coast to coast.
  - <http://nafc.ca/en/>

You can also reach out to local organizations that cater to youth and ethnocultural communities. Here are a few examples:

- **YMCA Canada**
  - The YMCA in Canada is dedicated to the growth of all persons in spirit, mind and body, and to their sense of responsibility to each other and the global community.
  - <http://ymca.ca/>
- **YWCA Canada**
  - Their vision is to empower women and girls in a safe and equitable society.
  - <http://ywcacanada.ca/en>
- **Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada**
  - For more than 100 years, Boys and Girls Clubs in communities across Canada have been helping young people to discover, develop and achieve their best potential as they grow to become Canada's future adults, citizens and leaders, by engaging them in activities that challenge and help them develop healthy minds and bodies.
  - <https://www.bgccan.com/EN/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Your local Community Centre**

Here are some best practices for integrating official languages into planning and implementation of your event.

- **Celebrating Canada – A Guide to a Successful Bilingual Event**
  - <http://www.officiallanguages.gc.ca/en/publications/celebrating-Canada>