



Treaty Land Entitlement Time Circles

Circles in First Nation Cultures

Circles are central to First Nation values. Days, years, people's lives and all creation are made in a circle. Circles remind people about Mother Earth and their journey through life from the earth, to infancy, childhood, adulthood, old age and back to the earth.

Circles are sacred and represent bringing people together. First Nations peoples' culture see everything in the universe as part of a single whole. Everything is connected so it is not possible to understand one thing without understanding how it is connected to everything else. The First Nation concept that everything is interconnected means that people and their actions are not considered in isolation.

To illustrate the process of Treaty Land Entitlement, create a Time Circle.

Much like a time line, time circles should illustrate the timeframe when Treaties were first entered into (or earlier) until current. Significant markers on this circle could represent dates when Treaty Land Entitlements were initially negotiated, significant events in First Nations history or government history that have had an impact on Treaty Land Entitlement being realized, formations of urban reserves, and other significant dates.

When the time circle is completed, create two summary statements regarding the fulfillment of Treaty Land Entitlement that answer the following questions:

- What has been accomplished by working towards fulfilling the legal and moral obligations of Treaty Land Entitlement?
- How is this circle still a continuing process?