



## Module 1

# Personal Story

## Overview

In this panel, Heather Milton Lightening, Bill Chu, Madeleine Trepanier, Bernice Kamano and Anna McClean highlighted the importance of personal story when talking about renewing the relationship between Indigenous Peoples and non-Indigenous peoples living on this land. Here are a few questions to keep you hearing about what we heard during the panel.

## General

- 1) Many of the panelists shared their personal story. What is your personal story? How did you and your family end up living where you do? How are you connected to the ongoing system of colonization that is happening on this land?
- 2) Do you know whose traditional territory you live on? Is knowing this important to you? Why? Why not?
- 3) What are the origins / roots of the history you have come to know as truth? What perspective is this story grounded in and how does it influence your present worldview?
- 4) Throughout the panel, was there anything that you noticed you were resisting? Why might this be?
- 5) Was there anything presented tonight that was new or surprising to you? What was it? Why do you think you may not have heard these stories before?
- 6) Where do you see disinformation about Indigenous Peoples and history? Why do you think this happens? What steps could you take to challenge the disinformation that is presented?

## Questions from Bernice

- 1) The experience of homelessness is a central part of my story - of how I experience the world, how I process and understand my place in the world, and of how I came to be who I am today. Reflect on your story, and try to identify some of the central or defining features - be they privileges, hardships, opportunities, barriers - that have shaped your experience of the world.
- 2) I have been homeless since I was nine months old, but my story of homelessness started long before I was born. It started with the Indian Residential School system. Think back to your answers to question 1 and try to consider how those features of your life connect to stories before your time. What did your story look like before you were born?
- 3) How does my story and impact the way you see First Nations homeless people?