



Workshop Abstract Form

Manitoba Aboriginal Languages Strategy (MALS) was created to promote, revitalize, and support Aboriginal Languages throughout Manitoba. Ancestral knowledge, as carried in our languages, songs, stories, community histories, and other key practices and customs, connect and bridge generations. The languages of First Nations, Métis and Inuit teach us about who we are as a people. Language creates a strong connection from the past to the present and helps shape Indigenous identity. We recognize the importance of land and the role that the land plays in connecting to our language and history. We also recognize that learning can take place beyond the walls of a classroom and youth will lead the way.

In this “International Decade of Indigenous Languages”, MALS is pleased to host a two-day language symposium. We invite Knowledge Keepers, Elders, educators, students and other interested community members to this year’s symposium. This year’s symposium theme is “teca oyate hena dakota wicohan yuha mani pte: Empowering Youth to Lead the Way in Language”. The symposium will take February 21-22, 2024 at Canad Inns Destination Centre Polo Park. We encourage you to come and share in two days of language celebration and revitalization.

We invite an interactive approach to share language and welcome individual workshop sessions that may include, but are not limited to:

- Aboriginal writing systems
- Teaching language in the digital age
- Language apps
- Teacher apprenticeships & Aboriginal language immersion programming
- Grandparents and our languages
- Teaching Aboriginal languages
- Local initiatives & best practices
- Community based Aboriginal languages programs
- Language and the Land
- Language program models
- Language Resources
- Stories, songs, and teachings
- Sharing research and policy related to Aboriginal languages

Workshop Timetable			√
Wednesday, February 21, 2024			
	Keynote	9:30AM – 10:45AM	
	Session 1	11:00AM – 12:00PM	
	Session 2	1:00PM – 2:00PM	
	Session 3	2:15PM – 3:15PM	
	Session 4	3:25PM – 4:25PM	
Thursday, February 22, 2024			
	Keynote	9:00AM – 10:00AM	
	Session 5	10:15AM – 11:00AM	
	Session 6	11:05AM – 12:00PM	
	Session 8	2:15PM – 3:15PM	
Plenary	CLOSING REMARKS	3:15PM – 4:00PM	

*Please indicate preferred timeframe(s) from the above



teca oyate hena dakota wicohan yuha mani pte
Empowering youth to lead the way in Language

Full Name and Contact Information	Workshop Title
Target Audience (Classroom teachers, school admin, community leaders,...)	Presenter(s) Name:
	1.
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Workshop Description: (no more than 200 words)	
Workshop capacity is max 40 participants	

Important Notes:

- Presenter forms must be submitted no later than **Wednesday, January 31st, 2024**. Late submissions will not be accepted.
- Presenters' participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodations.
- MALS is not responsible for professional fees for individual workshop presenters.