

HOPE IN THE LAND EXPO 2025

9:00AM DOORS OPEN

9:15-9:45AM	OPENING CEREMONY: INDIGENOUS WELCOME JANICE NINHAM		The expo will be thoughtfully opened through a traditional prayer, setting a warm and respectful tone for the day. This meaningful commencement will guide and direct our activities from the heart, promoting a sense of community and mutual understanding among all participants.	
9:45-10:00AM	HONOUR SONG FOR THE LAND TRADITIONAL DRUMMERS		In the spirit of unity, Traditional Drummers will perform an Honour Song following the opening ceremony and prayer. This traditional expression will bring all relations together, guiding us in a kind and beautiful direction for the expo and its attendees to enjoy and take in the beautiful medicine the days events will collectively unfold.	
10:00-10:30AM	CAROLINIAN CANADA WELCOME Mari Veliz, Chair, Board Sam Whiteye, Indigenous Leadership Director Michelle Kanter, Executive Director			
STAGE	GARDEN GATEWAY	ORIGINAL LAND STORIES	ACTIVE ZONE	KIDS PLAY AREA
10:30-11:30AM		10:30-11:15 AM Original Land Stories Gary Pritchard, 4 Directions	10:45-11:30 AM Raptors of Ontario Wild Ontario	
11:30-12:30	11:15 AM-12:00 PM Why Wildlife Needs a Healthy Forest Kathleen Holland, Hiking with Kathleen Seed Collecting in London: The need for seed Taylor Robertson & Stephanie Cullen, City of London		11:45 AM-12:30 PM Reptiles at Risk Scales Nature Park	11:15-11:45 AM Nature-Based Storytime London Public Library
12:30-1:30	12:45-1:30 PM Living in an Ecological Corridor Panel Brennan Vogel, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Dave Pearce, Wildlands League Tom Cull, Upper Thames River Conservation Authority	12:00-12:45 PM Original Land Stories Erin Dixon, RAD Network		12:15-12:45 PM Nature-Based Storytime London Public Library
1:30-2:30		1:30-2:15 PM Original Land Stories Carole Smith, Kayanase		1:00-3:00 PM FREE Nature Face Painting Giggle Face Painting Sponsored by the London Arts Council
2:30-3:30	2:15-3:00 PM Swapping In the Zone Stories: How Do You Connect to Your Garden? Moderated by Jennifer Nantais, Carolinian Canada		2:00-2:45 PM Raptors of Ontario Wild Ontario	
3:45-4:00	Closing Remarks & Acknowledgement Katherine Fischer, Carolinian Canada			
			3:00-3:45 PM Reptiles at Risk Scales Nature Park	