



Thu-it [Truth] – Frequently Asked Questions

What is Thu-it [Truth]?

Thu-it [Truth] starts with Thu-itstuhw [Telling the Truth]

Immerse yourself on a journey in a multi-media experience that takes you through time. Travel through over 150 years of colonial history and the impacts it had and continues to have on Indigenous communities, families and individuals. Told through archival material, news and the stories and experiences of a group of Quw'utsun' Elders, participants will have the opportunity to reconsider learned history and discover Thu-it - Truth.

Thu-it (pronounced Tha eet) debuts from September 6 through October 6 2022 at the Cowichan Valley Arts Council gallery.

Content/Trigger Warning

The Thu-it installation and exhibit touches on potentially triggering and disturbing content, including Indian Residential Schools, Indian Hospitals, Genocidal policies, Colonial impacts and Ongoing Harm.

To view the public exhibit, parental discretion is advised. We recommend you be 16 years old or older to participate in the Immersive Experience. Children 15 and under must be accompanied by a parent.

Lulumathuch - Please take good care of yourself. As the content of Thu-it can be heavy, the Elders recommend doing something that grounds you after you have participated – walk on the beach or in nature, have a bath, reach out to a friend.

What can I Expect?

Reconciliation starts with Thu-itstuhw [Telling the Truth]

There are three different parts to experience Thu-it. Choose one or experience all three:

Walk-Through multi-media Exhibit - In the Gallery – Travel back through history from this current moment to explore contemporary reconciliation themes, presented through images, audio and video – *No cost. Open to the public during regular gallery hours (see below)*

Indigenous Excellence and Youth Art Exhibit - In the Annex – Starting September 22nd, celebrate Indigenous excellence through a variety of current artistic endeavors. Youth will explore current reconciliation themes through visual and digital art. - *No cost. Open to the public during regular gallery hours (see below)*

Immersive 3-Hour Guided Exploration - In the Studio – Starts September 12th. Book a ticket to join a small group for a 3-hour immersive experience. The session will take you back in time to explore life in Cowichan pre-contact and journey through colonial history to present day. Inspired by Jann Derrick's work, the circle and the box, participants will move through the structures of western and Indigenous systems. Through a blend of in person and video, Quw'utsun' Elders will share their personal stories and cultural teachings through digital media, including historical and current images, audio and video. There will be time at the end for reflection and dialogue. *Tickets are required for this experience (see below).*

Then number of participants for each Immersive Experience will be limited to 40 people. Participants will be physically spaced within the studio space to ensure adequate social distancing. During the 3-hour experience, participants will be asked to move their chairs around the room. Please follow instructions carefully to ensure the safety of yourself and others.

How Do I Purchase a Ticket for the Immersive Experience?

Ticket Sales: You can purchase tickets by clicking on the TICKETS button on our [website](#). This will take you Tickit, an external ticket sales app. The suggested cost for a ticket to the Immersive Experience is \$40. No one will be turned away due to lack of funds so every date and timeslot has a Pay What You Can option. You must pre-register by purchasing a ticket. There are various dates and time slots available for the 3-hour immersive experience.

Cancellation Policy: Ticket sales are final and non-refundable. Please contact us if you wish to exchange your ticket for an alternative day. We will do our best to accommodate your request.

When is the Gallery Open?

Monday to Friday – 11 am to 4 pm

Saturday – 12 pm to 4 pm

Closed Sundays and holidays

What Are the COVID Protocols?

We will follow current Public Health Orders at all times. Please respect social distancing protocols and peoples' choice to wear face masks. If you are not well, please stay home and get better. We will welcome you at another time.

Can I Make a Donation to Support This Work?

Donations are greatly appreciated to support this work. There will be donation boxes located in the gallery during Thu-it should you wish to contribute.

You can also make a donation by cheque payable to 'Cowichan Social Planning Society' with a note directing the funds to 'Quw'utsun' Cultural Connections Society'. For donations over \$20, a charitable receipt can be issued. If you wish to mail us a cheque, please send to:

Cowichan Social Planning Society
203-111 Station St.
Duncan, BC V9L 1M8

Is the Thu-it Exhibit Accessible?

Our event is fully navigable by wheelchair.

Can I Volunteer?

Yes! It will take a village to make Thu-it happen and there are several volunteer opportunities depending on your skills and availability. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out our [Volunteer Application](#).

Who Are Your Funders?

We gratefully acknowledge the following funders for supporting this work:

Vancouver Foundation
BC Arts Council
BC Gaming

Are there Sponsorship Opportunities for Thu-it?

We are open to receiving support from businesses or organizations in alignment with the intention of our work. Please reach out to discuss: journeyofourgeneration@gmail.com.

Where Can I Get More Information?

For more information, please reach out to us:

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