



## OHTN RESEARCH LOUNGE EVALUATION SUMMARY

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June 29, 2017 @ Glad Day Bookshop

**SHORT SUMMARY:** Teddy Syrette facilitated the discussion around Indigenous ways of knowing and doing to inform HIV prevention, treatment, and care. Based on reading the article, “Approaching reconciliation: Tips from the field”, attendees shared perspectives and opinions around how to incorporate reconciliation into the process of addressing HIV issues in Indigenous communities.

**NUMBER OF ATTENDEES:** 14

**ATTENDEES WHO COMPLETED AN EVALUATION:** 9 (64%)

**DEMOGRAPHICS:** Completed 7/9

- ▶ Community member: 2 (29%)
- ▶ Student: 0
- ▶ Researcher/academic: 2 (29%)
- ▶ Community agency staff person: 3 (42%)

**OVERALL SATISFACTION:** Completed 6/9

- ▶ Good/Fabulous: 5 (83%)
- ▶ Average/Okay: 1 (17%)
- ▶ Poor: 0

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### TOP COMMENTS

- ✓ **I loved...**
  - ▶ The discussion and also the overview of research issues and “allyship”
  - ▶ The article we had to read for today’s session
  - ▶ The powerful voices of the facilitator and other participants
- ✓ **Wow, I didn’t know this!**
  - ▶ So much...I really know so little (about Indigenous HIV issues)
  - ▶ Research (death of) but also challenges (associated with Indigenous communities)
- ✓ **One thing I learned that I will use in my work/volunteering/life is...**
  - ▶ Being an ally 24/7, not just when I feel like it
  - ▶ Pause, reflect, and listen. Support 24/7
  - ▶ Not new but reinforced 24/7 allyship in all
  - ▶ The importance of listening and acting in a good way
  - ▶ Keep talking about reconciliation