

# Peace Building Through Indigeneity Workshop



## Description

This workshop is designed to encourage a more collaborative work or home environment by discussing concepts of Indigeneity and Peace Building. Indigeneity is an evolving concept that seeks to build community by being grounded in the earth and having respect for all beings. Peace Building starts with recognizing the harm that was done. We will look at our nation's colonial history of genocide and forced assimilation. It is a legacy that negatively impacts our lives today, especially the lives of Indigenous peoples and culture. There is a path forward that involves recognizing our past, having brave conversations about its impact, reparations and finding common ground. We will review the material from Dr. Michael Yellow Bird on Colonization (Invasion, Contamination, Infection, Colonization) and Decolonization (Cleansing, Renaissance, Enlightenment). We will discuss how to apply Mr. Rex Lee Jim's teachings of how cultures evolve and the importance of developing a give and take relationship. The workshop will conclude with a challenge to explore our indigenous roots in relation to current society and an introduction to reconciliation using traditional peace circles.

### Expected outcomes:

1. Have knowledge of the concepts of Indigeneity, Colonization, Decolonization and a Give and Take Relationship
2. Have knowledge that peace building can happen during conflict and as ongoing relational maintenance
3. Identify ways to apply the knowledge in outcome #1 and #2; for example, to have a more collaborative work or home environment using Indigeneity

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Date/Time May 6, 2022, 8am – 10am MT

Location Zoom Meeting

## Facilitators

Azul Navarrete-Valera is a pre-law student at the University of Arizona, is the current Co-President of the Tucson Native Youth Council and a member of the Nonviolence Legacy Program. As a Kingian Nonviolence Educator and a member of the Indigenous/Chicanx people in Tucson, AZ, Azul's passion is building unity and helping youth find their inner fire and to be leaders now. Azul is also a member of the all-female Latin Mariachi group, Las Azaleas.

Mark A. Westfall-Klym, MBA is a board member of the Culture of Peace Alliance and a co-founder of the Phoenix Peace Builders (PPB). PPB works to overcome racism and other forms of violence. Mark is a certified trainer in Kingian Nonviolence and Conflict Reconciliation and is dedicated to realizing Dr. Martin Luther King's dream of a Nonviolent, just, and compassionate society where everyone can reach their highest potential.

Cost is Free Registration is open to all

Register in advance for this workshop: <https://phoenixcollege-edu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAKdOitrzopHtzD5dHpXtTkndjOpKw11XFt>