

# Land Acknowledgements

## What?

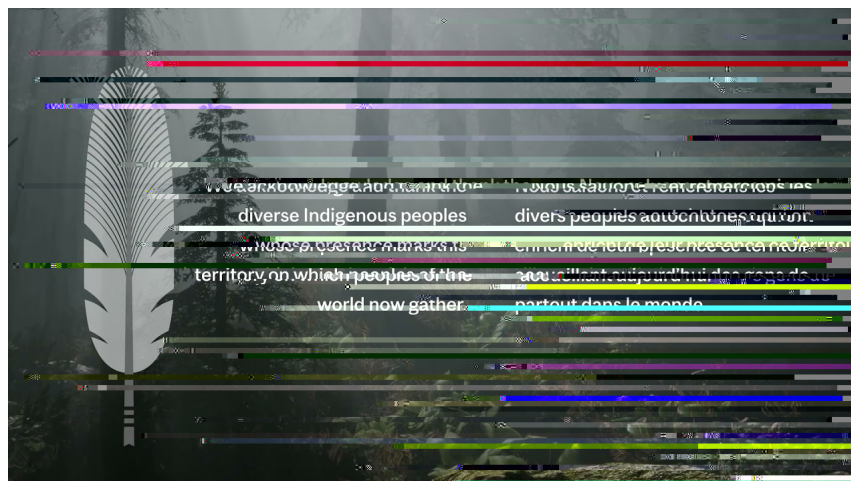
A land acknowledgement is a formal statement that recognizes the unique and enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories. A connection to the land is inextricably linked to Indigenous identity. It is crucial to understand that a land acknowledgement, when performed by non-Indigenous individuals, is not a superficial protocol to brush over without reflection and deliberation. This [article](#), adapted from a radio interview with Hayden King, an Anishinaabe writer and educator at Toronto Metropolitan University, explains the importance of putting your own thoughts into developing a land acknowledgement.

## Why?

To recognize the land is an expression of gratitude and appreciation to those whose territory on which we reside, and a way of honouring the Indigenous people who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial.

## How?

McGill's [Indigenous Initiatives](#) page has many resources that can be consulted to further your education about Indigenous Peoples and their land in order to write a personalized and informed land acknowledgement. You may also want to read [McGill's land acknowledgement](#) to see an example of how the recognition of Indigenous land can be written, in order for you to create your own. [Native Land](#) is a resource that provides an immersive way to discover native territories, languages, and treaties and



It is also important to correctly pronounce the names of nations while performing your land acknowledgement. McGill resides on Haudenosaunee - pronounced *hoh-DEE-noh-Shon-nee* - and Anishinabeg - pronounced *Ah-nish-ih-nah'-bey* -