

THE CIRCLE



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This scrapbook shares back key themes of the harvest from The Circle on Philanthropy's All Members Gathering (AMG) held in September 2025 on the territories of the xʷməθkʷə́y̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and sə́lilwətaʔ / sə́lilwítulh (Tsleil-Waututh) nations.

We hope you enjoy this Photo Harvest with visual moments captured by Melody Charlie and the amplified voices of our guests in these pages.

CURIOSITY & ABUNDANCE

cousins day

Cousins day provided validation that leading with heart, being authentic, and trusting Indigenous ways of knowing are the right approaches.



The path forward together is grounded in shared purpose.

"when you change your language from 'need' to inviting them to 'walk alongside us,' you're able to see whether your values actually align."

We must shift our perspectives from transactional, scarcity-based language to value-driven, heart-centred approaches that invite partnership rather than dependency.



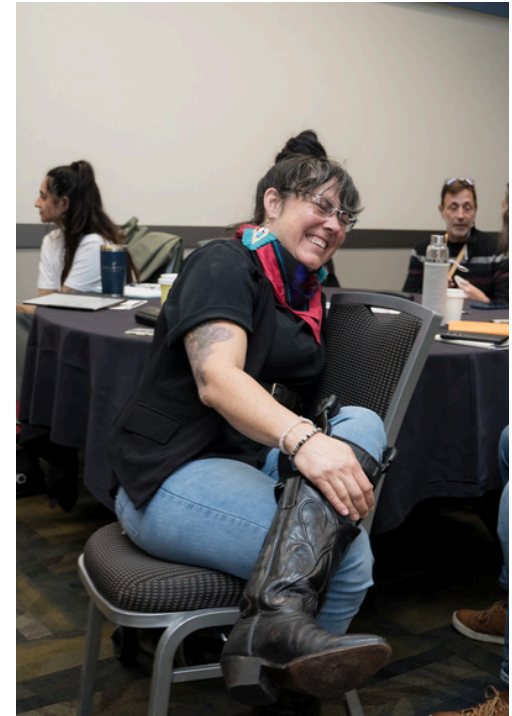
Valerian

- Sleep support
- Stress and anxiety support
- Migraine relief
- Stomach cramps



RECIPROCITY

Reciprocity brought up the practice of "Fertilizing the soil." The sector must do the foundational work that prepares ground for whatever needs to emerge, even without guaranteed outcomes.



A close-up photograph of a decorative object, possibly a piece of jewelry or a craft. It features several white, teardrop-shaped pendants hanging from a blue beaded string. The background is dark and out of focus.

*"There is not reciprocity
without curiosity."*

Real partnership requires genuine interest in each other.
Being accountable in relationships means staying
genuinely engaged and interested, not just checking
boxes.

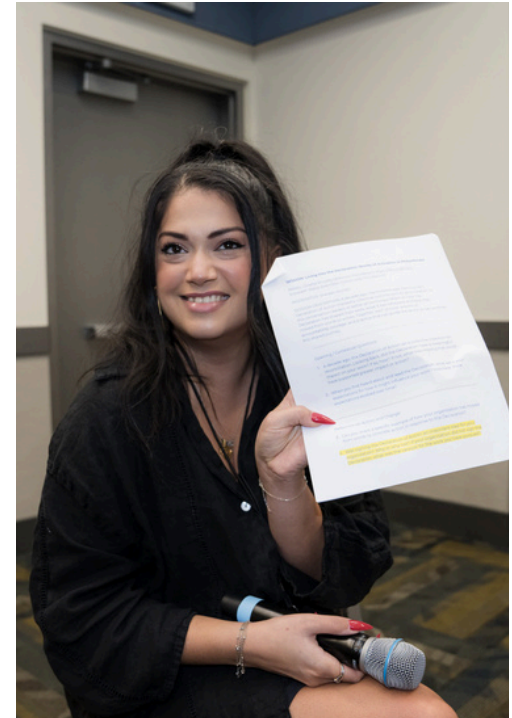



PATHWAY TOWARDS: AWARDS GALA



ACCOUNTABILITY

Accountability brought forward the need for spaces like The Circle while also inviting and demanding more from settler philanthropy. Start to actually walk with Indigenous communities to the front lines.






Accountability isn't about policing or compliance—it's about being in relationship, caring for each other, and showing up for both younger folks and peers. It's a gift, not a punishment.

***"Accountability is a relationship
and a gift to be given to those that
we are in relationship with."***



RECOMMITMENT CEREMONY



A woman with long dark hair, wearing a black and white striped shirt, is shown in profile, holding a small, light-colored object in her hands. She is looking down at it. In the background, another person with short hair and a red shirt is partially visible. The background is blurred, suggesting an indoor setting with trees or plants.

We must move from essence, not performance.

“Indigenous folks move in the direction of accountability. The essence of accountability is what is inside of you that drives you.”

Stop performing accountability through reports and ceremonies. Settler philanthropy must ask themselves: What drives me? What moves me? Let values guide actions rather than compliance.