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Writers conference aims to build Aboriginal representation

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Emerging as a response to the relative lack of representation of Aboriginal writers in the Writers Union of Canada, the [National Indigenous Writers Conference](#) [NIWC], taking place Oct. 19-20, will focus on the reality, representation, and recognition of Indigenous writers in Canada.

Hosted by Simon Fraser University's [Publishing @ SFU](#), of the Canadian Centre for Studies in Publishing, the two-day conference will be held at SFU's Vancouver campus.

While affirming a positive and open space for dialogue, the NIWC aims to produce strategies for building an effective community of both Indigenous and Canadian writers and publishers as whole.

"We are delighted to be contributing to the convening of this panel of Indigenous writers. It is long overdue and aboriginal writing represents yet another element in the richness of Canadian culture," expresses Rowland Lorimer, Director of the [Master of Publishing program](#).

Writers from various stages in their career will have the opportunity to engage in peer-to-peer discussions, learn about the publishing process, and attend a series of keynote speaker lectures.

Keynote speakers include Dr. Woodrow Morrison, Aline La Flamme, Kevin Williams, Lee Maracle, and Mark Leslie Lefebvre, among many others.

Participants are able to attend select workshops, or purchase a pass for the full conference. For more information on the NIWC program, and to register for the conference, please visit their [home page](#).

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