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UNESCO Chair Launch & B.C. First Nations Women's, Two Spirit, Self-Determination & Rematriation Research Governance Summit

Summit Dinner • OCTOBER 20, 2025

Join us in a spirit of unity for the official launch of the UNESCO Chair in Indigenous Knowledge Research Governance and Rematriation.

Hosted during the Summit dinner (Day 1) on October 20, 2025: An evening of relationship building, unity and inspiration

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Featuring a special private screening of Dr. Lyana Patrick's new award-winning film
"Nechako" at 7 p.m.



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SPECIAL SCREENING

NECHAKO: IT WILL BE A BIG RIVER AGAIN

Nechako is a crucial documentary that follows two Indigenous Nations fighting for our collective future. When the Kenney Dam was built in the 1950s, the Nechako River was forever changed. The Stellat'en and Saik'uz Nations embarked on a groundbreaking legal proceeding against the Canadian government and Rio Tinto Alcan that lasted over a decade—a battle that continues today. Following community members living day to day on the river while they take on powerful institutions, Nechako is an urgent call to action to restore a river and a way of life.

Written & Directed by Dr. Lyana Patrick



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