

# Karen Joseph

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Karen Joseph is a Musgamagw Dzawada'enuxw social change maker who brings more than 25 years' experience inspiring diverse partners to collaborate on transformative initiatives. Karen co-founded Reconciliation Canada in 2012 to uphold a dream held by her father to witness thousands of people walking together in support of Indian Residential School survivors and Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

In September 2013, the Walk for Reconciliation brought 50,000 people to the streets of downtown Vancouver to display their commitment to revitalizing the relationships among Indigenous peoples and all Canadians. Since then, she has championed 100's of gatherings with a diversity of leaders to advance individual, organizational and societal reconciliation.

She is a Fellow of the Academy of Systems Change and a graduate of the Getting to Maybe: Social Innovation Residency. In 2017, Karen was recognized by BC Business Magazine as one of the Top BC Women of Influence and was recently awarded Canada's Meritorious Service Medal (Civil Division) to recognize her contributions to Canada's reconciliation movement.

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