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Biography

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Maanjiwe Nendamowinan (The Gathering of Minds): Connecting Indigenous Placemakers in Toronto

Abstract

How many times must something be repeated to preserve the words? What are we not talking about enough? What symbols need to be on the ground, in Toronto, to remind us to keep talking these ideas through with others? What metaphors of authority are needed to back up our act?¹

In the book, *Indigenous Toronto* (2021), Ange Loft asks a series of questions about collectivity and connectivity to place through the lens of Indigenous alliances, governance, symbolism, and mnemonic devices. She asks readers to consider who needs to be involved in conversations about shared space and how many people are needed for dialogue to be ongoing and create meaning. In 2019, Ange facilitated a Talking Treaties workshop during a week-long Indigenous placemaking practitioners' retreat on Menecing, the Toronto Islands (Treaty 13-a). Conceptualized as Maanjiwe Nendamowinan (The Gathering of Minds), the retreat was convened through a partnership between the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Ngā Aho Māori Designers Network, and faculty at the University of Toronto Scarborough. Organizers framed Indigenous placemaking as the work of traditional knowledge holders, Elders, youth, and community members who embody and share stories about place, as well as practitioners who create physical places, including artists, architects, planners, and designers. The project aimed to support practitioners, their creative practice, and peer to peer dialogue, and, through public facing events, to generate Indigenous-led dialogue and community-oriented outputs. In this talk, I discuss our approach and the value of process in addressing gaps and opportunities for strengthening Indigenous identities in urban areas and influencing wider urban governance structures.



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¹ Loft, A. 2021. Remember Like We Do. In Bolduc, D., Gordon-Corbiere, M., Taboobondung, R. and B. Wright-McLeod (Eds.), *Indigenous Toronto: Stories that carry this place* (pp. 17-28).

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