



The Aboriginal Law Program and KAIROS present:

The Blanket Exercise

A Step on the Path to Reconciliation

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

3:30-5:30 p.m.

Rowell Room, Flavelle House
University of Toronto Faculty of Law
78 Queens Park, Toronto

From the KAIROS Website:

The KAIROS Blanket Exercise is an interactive learning experience that teaches the Indigenous rights history we are rarely taught. Developed in response to the 1996 Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples – which recommended education on Canadian-Indigenous history as one of the key steps to reconciliation – the Blanket Exercise covers over 500 years of history in a one and a half hour participatory workshop.

Blanket Exercise participants take on the roles of Indigenous peoples in Canada. Standing on blankets that represent the land, they walk through pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization and resistance. They are directed by facilitators representing a narrator (or narrators) and the European colonizers. Participants are drawn into the experience by reading scrolls and carrying cards which ultimately determine their outcomes. (Source & more info: <http://kairosblanketexercise.org/about>).

The exercise will be followed by a debriefing session, facilitated by Elder Bob Phillips PhD, in which participants will have the opportunity to discuss the experience as a group. Light refreshments will be provided.



Space is limited. RSVP: amanda.carling@utoronto.ca

