

BACKGROUNDER

Canada Life's progress on Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord

Second year (2018/19) progress includes:

Employee & Diversity groups:

 Supported our Diversity Leadership Council and Employee Resource Group (ERG). Both are helping build and bridge cultural understanding and awareness through events, activities such as a KAIROS blanket exercise, and communications that increase visibility of Indigenous contributions, experiences, culture, languages and/or teachings.

Unconscious bias training:

 Continued to offer training to leaders to increase awareness of biases and to foster a more inclusive workplace culture. The training will be offered to all employees in 2019.

• Workforce development:

 Continued developing relationships that advance building a workforce that reflects the diversity of the communities we live and operate in. This includes increasing the representation, support and advancement of Indigenous employees.

• Career development:

 Continued to support career development for all employees, including Indigenous people. This includes offering financial support of an employee's continuing education in a relevant field.

Metrics and reporting

 Collected data through employee engagement and voluntary demographic self-identification surveys to start measuring diversity and inclusion impacts.

Land acknowledgement

 Recognized land acknowledgement at two national events in June 2018, including National Indigenous Peoples Day. Research continues to formalize these activities in our major centres in 2019.