



Wrongful Conviction Pamphlet – Call for Submissions

[Innocence Canada](#) and the [Odawa Native Friendship Centre](#) welcome submissions from First Nations, Inuit and Métis artists of artwork for a pamphlet on rectifying wrongful convictions.

About us

Innocence Canada is a non-profit organization that works to identify, advocate for, and exonerate individuals convicted of a crime they did not commit. We also work to prevent future injustices through legal education and reform.

The Odawa Native Friendship Centre is a non-profit organization which provides services to Ottawa's Aboriginal Community.

About the Project

First Nations, Inuit and Métis individuals are over-represented in Canada's criminal justice system and vulnerable to wrongful conviction. Innocence Canada, in partnership with the Odawa Native Friendship Centre, want to help prevent such injustices.

This project has two main goals; to help non-profit organizations better respond to issues relating to wrongful convictions and to provide an educational resource for members of First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities to help improve their access to justice.

This project is funded by the Department of Justice.

Compensation

The selected artist will receive an honorarium in the amount of \$1,000.

The Pamphlet

The pamphlet is trifold – folded twice over the middle section, offering six panels for information. The pamphlet will be distributed throughout the country and the artwork should reflect the diversity of First Nations, Indigenous, Inuit and Métis communities across Turtle Island.

The journey to justice when wrongly convicted has many paths. The three inner panels of the pamphlet will contain one image that illustrates steps to take when wrongly convicted. It is these steps that need to be reflected in the artwork submitted.

The information to be represented in submissions can be downloaded on Innocence Canada's website here: <https://innocencecanada.com/the-latest/innocence-canada-exclusives/call-for-artists/>. Please note that Innocence Canada will translate the successful artist's work into both official languages.

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Guidelines Specific to this Pamphlet

Entries will be reviewed by members of Innocence Canada and the Odawa Native Friendship Centre. Artists will send artwork in English or French for the inner panels of the pamphlet, illustrating the information provided in the section “THE JOURNEY TO JUSTICE”.

EXCLUDED MEDIA: Photography, digital photography, and images that are difficult to reproduce through print are not permitted

SIZE: Artworks must fit on an 8.5” x 11” landscape page

FILES: Files must be submitted in one of the following formats: pdf, jpeg

STYLE: All styles are permitted

SUBJECT MATTER: All subject matter is permitted

PRESENTATION: Only digitized material for print reproduction is permitted for this call

COPYRIGHT: Only original work that is new may be submitted

General Submission Guidelines

COPYRIGHT: The use of stock imagery or photos taken by professional photographers is not permitted, even with permission or paid licensing. According to Canadian law the artist retains copyright of their work. By submitting to this call, you allow Innocence Canada and the Odawa Native Friendship Centre permission to use your images on our websites, posters and in other advertising media both printed and digital, as they see fit. Innocence Canada and the Odawa Native Friendship Centre reserve the right to refuse entries that do not meet our mandate. All artwork must be signed by the artist.

Only original work that is new may be submitted. Work that has been shown in an exhibition may not be submitted.

SUBMITTING INFORMATION: Images submitted to the online submission system that are blurry, poorly cropped, display a background/frame, were made in error, or are the wrong orientation will be declined. When submitting online, crop your images to exclude visible edges of substrate. Artists are requested to submit a short description (3-4 sentences) of their choice of work to enhance the selection committee’s experience and understand of the submission. Art should be digitized and forwarded as a pdf or jpg file.

The selection committee may suggest/request minor changes to the artwork in the event that the final version for print requires this. The selected artist will work with the selection committee to finalize the images for print.

HOW TO ENTER: This call is open to all First Nations, Indigenous, Inuit and Métis artists living in Canada. Submissions are accepted here: <https://form.jotform.com/203152729085253>

SUBMISSION DATE: Final artwork must be submitted by **March 15, 2021.**

The successful artist will be notified in April 2021.

CONDITIONS: Submission of entry to this competition automatically constitutes the entrant's acceptance of the guidelines and rules outlined in this document. Innocence Canada and the Odawa Native Friendship Centre will not provide feedback on submissions. Their decision is final, submitting to this exhibition declares your acceptance of their decision.

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Contact Information

If you have any questions, please reach out to Stephanie Nowak, Director of Education at Innocence Canada, at snowak@innocencecanada.com.

Organizer Information – Innocence Canada

The Innocence Canada Foundation is a Canadian registered charitable organization (#8551 45462 RR0001) and works to support the following charitable objectives:

- Providing legal services to low-income persons in Canada for the purposes of establishing that a wrongful conviction has occurred and exonerating that wrongly convicted person
- Raising public awareness of the criminal law and the judicial process
- Providing financial assistance to low-income wrongly convicted clients for the necessities of life
- Supporting educational initiatives that help to address the causes of wrongful convictions.

If you are interested in donating, please visit <https://innocencecanada.com/donate>.

Organizer Information – The Odawa Native Friendship Centre

The Odawa Native Friendship Centre offers a full calendar of events including programs for all age groups and needs, cultural events and social/recreational activities. We welcome any suggestions and support from the community in expanding our services. Along with being a non-profit organization, Odawa is also a registered charity (BN 128017852RR0001).

If you are interested in donating, please visit <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/14251>.