

REFRAME

FILM FESTIVAL



ReFraming Our Place

Young Voices of Care, Connection and Responsibility



ABOUT THE PROJECT



ReFrame invites children, educators and classrooms in Nogojiwanong/Peterborough and surrounding territories to take part in “ReFraming Our Place,” a community storytelling project. Young people can contribute artwork, photographs, voice, music or video recordings, which ReFrame will weave into short films.

The resulting short films will play before in-person and online screenings at the 2027 ReFrame Film Festival (Jan 28–Feb 7, 2027). These films will form one part of ReFrame’s broader and ongoing territory acknowledgement practice. Young people’s contributions will become part of a collective creative reflection, rather than formal territory acknowledgements.

We’re gathering young people’s reflections on their connections to this place: its waters, lands, skies, and all our relations here. This area is the territory of the Michi Saagiig Nishnaabeg. The First People’s presence, knowledge, and care for this land continue to shape the place we share. We want to hear how young people understand where they live, the effects of colonialism, and our responsibilities to one another and the living world.

WHAT CAN YOU SHARE?

We invite young people to share short artistic reflections. Submissions may be spoken, sung, or shared through art and storytelling. Audio, video (10–60 seconds each) and photo files will be accepted.

Photos and videos may only include images of people under 18 with written permission from their parent or guardian.



QUESTIONS TO EXPLORE

- ☀ Do you have a favourite place outside?
- ☀ What do you think of when you hear the word “water” or “nibi”?
- ☀ What is the most interesting insect, frog, turtle or snake you’ve ever met? Tell us about it!
- ☀ How would you act if you were visiting someone else’s home and wanted to show respect?
- ☀ How do you show care for our relations that aren’t people? Please give an example.

HOW TO SHARE YOUR WORK



- ★ Submit your contributions by Monday, November 30, 2026.
- ★ We can accept the following file types: audio (.mp3 or .wav), video (.mp4 or .mov; under 60 seconds), or images (.jpg or .png)
- ★ Who can participate: schools and youth groups, or any young people in Nogojiwanong/Peterborough and nearby communities
- ★ A permission form for schools is available at reframefilmfestival.ca/2027permission.
- ★ Upload your submission at reframefilmfestival.ca/our-place (click the link!)



WHERE WE ARE

ReFrame is based in Nogojiwanong/Peterborough, on the territory of the Michi Saagiig Nishnaabeg, within lands covered by Rice Lake Treaty #20 of 1818 and the Williams Treaties of 1923.

Nogojiwanong means “place at the end of the rapids” in Anishinaabemowin. It refers to the meeting place at the end of the Odenabe (Otonabee) River, “the river that beats like a heart.” We strive to live in good relations with the First Peoples of this territory, with one another, and with the more-than-human world.

WHY IT MATTERS

Territory acknowledgements are only beginnings: hopefully, they are openings to truth, responsibility, accountability, and care.



Long ago, treaties were signed by Indigenous nations and settlers to decide how to share this place. Over time, many promises outlined in these treaties have been broken by the settlers, which has resulted in harm to both Indigenous people and the land. Many of us still benefit from this process called colonialism, and it is our shared responsibility to learn, unlearn, and do better. We hope to understand how the next generation makes sense of these truths – how they see this remarkable place, and how they might imagine more just and connected futures.

ABOUT REFRAME FILM FESTIVAL

ReFrame Film Festival is a celebration of documentary film and media art focused on social and environmental issues. Each winter since 2005, ReFrame has transformed downtown Nogojiwanong / Peterborough into a hub for connection, learning, and community action through film and media arts. Approximately 15,000 people participate in ReFrame each year.

Join us for the 2027 festival in downtown Nogojiwanong / Peterborough from January 28–31, and online across Canada from February 2–7.

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