Call for Keynote Voices

Beyond Justice as Trauma 2027

Keynote Speaker Information Guide

Vancouver · April 2027

Closing date: December 2, 2026

3
visionary keynote voices

3 days
downtown Vancouver

Livestream
to host circles worldwide

BACKGROUND

The Story Behind This Gathering

Justice as Trauma began in 2023. Across three summits, I convened people to name harm: exposing its patterns, examining its consequences, and confronting the systems that perpetuate it, particularly for Indigenous, racialized, and other marginalized communities.

3
summits

100+
speakers

900+
people

I said I was done. There would be no more summits.

But knowing what I know, I couldn't simply walk away. I kept returning to the same questions: Now what? What do I do with what I've learned? What responsibility does that knowledge place on me?

Beyond Justice as Trauma 2027 is an invitation to move beyond naming harm toward imagining and creating something different, together.

About Myrna



I am Myrna McCallum, a Cree and Métis lawyer, trauma educator, and speaker. I was called to the bar of British Columbia in 2007 and have worked as a defence lawyer, prosecutor, and adjudicator.

My relationship to trauma began with my own family's history and the intergenerational legacy of residential schools and Indian hospitals. My questions about healing came later, while I was working with survivors. They are why I keep asking what justice, healing, and liberation could look like when they are built around people instead of institutions.

I carry those questions into my podcast, *The Trauma-Informed Lawyer*, now in its fourth season, where I have spoken with guests such as Esther Armah on emotional justice and Dr. Samah Jabr on revolutionary love. I am also developing *The Healing Imperative*, a memoir and manifesto on healing as something we owe ourselves, our ancestors, and our descendants.

I founded Justice as Trauma and convened all three summits, intentionally centring Indigenous, Black, racialized, and queer voices. The gatherings have been largely self-funded. For 2027, I am building a broader funding model to support this work and help it continue and grow.

SECTION 1

The Opportunity

I am inviting three visionary voices to open each day of Beyond Justice as Trauma 2027 in downtown Vancouver, April 2027 (exact dates and venue to be confirmed).

The gathering is built around five ideas: healing, revolutionary love, relational repair, liberation, and community as medicine. It is designed for more than listening. Participants will spend each day engaging with difficult questions, exploring new possibilities, and moving from ideas into practice.

Each keynote sets the direction for that day. It opens a conversation that participants will carry into their facilitated rooms and into the closing plenary, and it is livestreamed to host circles gathering in their own communities around the world.

> **I am looking for visionary keynotes. This is not a call for motivational speeches or for presentations that summarize a person's professional work. I am looking for people who can open an important conversation and give participants something substantial to wrestle with throughout the day.**

The five ideas that ground us

HEALING
Collective care, rooted in community

REVOLUTIONARY LOVE
Choosing to labour for others

RELATIONAL REPAIR
Restoring balance after harm

LIBERATION
Freedom lived in relationship

COMMUNITY AS MEDICINE
Restoration through belonging

SEE WHAT YOU WOULD BE PART OF

To understand what you would be part of, please explore the previous Justice as Trauma summits: https://myrnamccallum.ca/justice-as-trauma/

SECTION 2

The Keynote Role and Experience

Three speakers, three days

One keynote opens each day. Together, the three keynotes give the gathering its intellectual and moral direction.

A contribution that carries

Your keynote is the idea participants take into their rooms. The facilitators build on it in the morning inquiry and the afternoon practice.

One gathering, many locations

You speak to participants gathered in Vancouver and to host circles joining by livestream from their own communities around the world.

Beyond the keynote

I may also invite you to take part in a plenary or other programming. That would be discussed separately, and it is not part of the keynote commitment.

What a day holds

Opening keynote
Sets the question for the day.

Morning inquiry
Facilitated rooms explore it together.

Afternoon practice
The same rooms turn ideas into practice.

Closing plenary
The day's learning comes together.

Format, length, and any audience conversation are settled directly with each speaker once a keynote is confirmed.

Support and compensation

Keynote speakers are expected to deliver their keynote in person in Vancouver. The presentation will also be livestreamed to participating host circles around the world. Speaking fees, travel, and accommodation are discussed directly with shortlisted speakers, before any final commitment is made.

SECTION 3

Who I'm Looking For

I am looking for thinkers, practitioners, leaders, knowledge holders, and change-makers who have something significant to say and the courage to say it plainly.

A vision to offer

A clear, original perspective on how we might live, relate, and pursue justice differently, grounded in one or more of the gathering's five ideas.

Depth and credibility

Established knowledge, lived experience, or recognized contributions that give your perspective weight, whether through practice, community leadership, scholarship, or creative work.

The ability to open a conversation

You can raise the questions that matter, hold complexity, and give participants something to interrogate through the whole day.

A relational presence

You speak with, not above, a room. You are comfortable with a global audience and with communities joining from far away.

Justice as Trauma has intentionally centred Indigenous, Black, racialized, and queer voices, and that continues here. I am especially interested in hearing from Black, Indigenous, racialized, and queer thinkers and leaders.

This may not be the right fit if:

- You are looking for a motivational speaking engagement.
- Your keynote would mainly summarize your professional work or promote a product or program.
- You are looking to facilitate a room rather than open the day. Please see the Facilitator Information Guide instead.
- You are unable to be part of the gathering in April 2027, subject to the final dates being confirmed.

SECTION 4

How to Nominate or Express Interest

I welcome self-nominations and nominations of others. If you are nominating someone, please tell them first, and write to me with their name and how to reach them.

Please email **admin@myrnamccallum.co** with the subject line:

SUBJECT LINE

Beyond Justice as Trauma 2027: Keynote Nomination or Expression of Interest

Please include:

1. **Who:** The name, location, and contact information of the speaker, and whether you are nominating them or yourself.
2. **Biography:** A short overview of the speaker's background, expertise, and contributions.
3. **The vision:** A few sentences on the question or idea they would bring to the opening of a day, and how it connects to the gathering's five ideas.
4. **Links:** Talks, writing, interviews, or other work that shows how they speak and think.
5. **Availability and costs:** Whether they could take part in person in April 2027, subject to the final dates being confirmed. Please include their speaking fee, along with any travel or accommodation requirements.

Nominations and expressions of interest close **December 2, 2026**

Shortlisted speakers may be invited to a follow-up conversation. Selection will be based on the vision each speaker brings, how the three keynotes complement one another, and the needs of the overall gathering. Speaking fees, travel, and other details are discussed at that stage.

Questions or requests for additional information are welcome at **admin@myrnamccallum.co**.

Beyond Justice as Trauma 2027 A gathering exploring healing, revolutionary love, relational repair, liberation, and community as medicine. **Vancouver | April 2027**