The third weekend in August will witness a historic gathering of the people of Six Nations and their allies from across Ontario and Turtle Island. From Friday, August 22 to Sunday, August 24, hundreds of people will gather at Chiefswood Park in the town of Ohsweken, Six Nations territory for a three day festival of friendship and solidarity.

The vision for this event was inspired from the work that has been accomplished by the people of Six Nations in the spirit of the Great Law of Peace and the good minds that have been tireless in moving this vision forward. Many have lent their voice, strength and support to building greater awareness, understanding, friendship and solidarity between our peoples. The Peace and Friendship Gathering will facilitate the opportunity for and all of us to learn, be inspired, and gather a greater understanding and respect of the relationships that indigenous and non-indigenous people have.

The primary focus of the festival will be a series of workshops, talks and presentations related to indigenous sovereignty, environmental politics and issues of anti-racism and social justice. In addition to talks and workshops, we will also be holding a series of cultural events including live music performances, dances and film showings. Park facilities will be open for people to play sports, swim, watch open-air films, camp overnight and otherwise enjoy a child friendly, drug and alcohol free weekend of fun and learning.

We welcome everybody who comes in peace and friendship to this event. If you are interested in organizing a workshop for the event please send your proposal to peaceandfriendshipgathering@gmail.com by July 20th.

The event is being organized by a grassroots committee of Six Nations residents and non-native supporters. It is being hosted by the Haudenosaunee Men’s Council of the Grand River.

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