

Youth Voices: Why We Matter

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Introduction

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We are Native youth, community members, future leaders.

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**We are Native youth, and today we are sharing
why violence against Native women matters to us
and our future.**

Why This Matters... “

Safety
Family
Community
Future

” This issue affects how safe we feel, how our families live, and what kind of future we imagine for ourselves.

“What we see in our communities”

Silence

Fear

Unanswered questions

“Even when we are young, we notice when women go missing, when cases aren't talked about, and when silence fills the space.”

How violence affects youth

Mental health

School focus

Sense of safety

“ Violence against Native women doesn't just affect one person, it affects youth emotionally, academically, and mentally.”

Silence vs. Speaking Up “”

Silence is common
Speaking up takes courage
Youth need safe spaces

” **Sometimes silence comes from fear or trauma. Speaking up takes courage, and youth need support to do that safely.** ”

What Youth Want Adults to Know

We are listening.
We need protection.
Include our voices.

” We want adults to understand that youth are paying attention. We want to be included, not spoken for.

Culture as Protection

Identity
Teachings
Belonging

“ Our culture teaches respect, balance, and care.
Reconnecting to culture is part of preventing
violence. ”

Youth as Advocates

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Art & storytelling
Awareness events
Social media

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We are finding ways to raise awareness through art, events, and education while honoring our tribal communities.

Healing without Harm

No pressure to share trauma.

Collective healing

Strength-based voices

Healing doesn't always mean sharing painful stories.
Sometimes healing is being heard and supported.

Our Hopes for the Future”

**Safety for Native women
Strong youth voices
Cultural strength**

” **We imagine a future where Native women are safe
and youth grow up without fear.**

A Call to Action



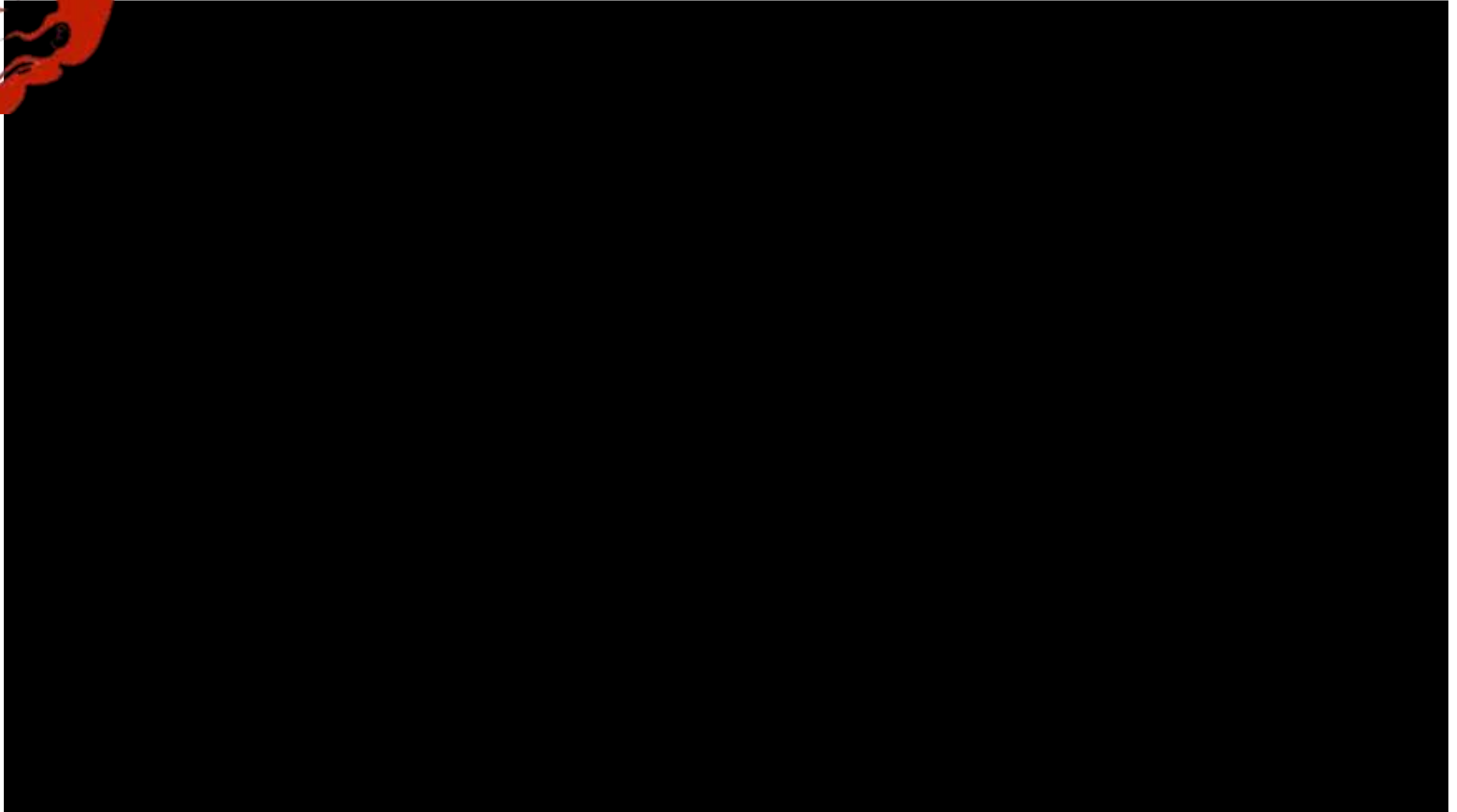
**Listen to youth
Create safe spaces
Support prevention**



**Our call to action is simple: listen to youth,
protect Native women, and support prevention
rooted in culture.**



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"We are not just the next generation. We are the now."

Thank you for listening to our voices.