

Outside Looking In gives the opportunity to youth and their communities to engage in a long-term intensive program through DANCE! Should youth fulfill the academic, attendance, choreography and behaviour requirements, youth get the chance to join other Indigenous youth from across Canada for two weeks in Toronto, preparing for an ultimate performance on stage to show off their talents and abilities before thousands, at the Sony Centre for the Performing Arts!



[Come one, come ALL!](#)

The OLI Program is open to:  
First Nations, Metis and Inuit  
communities,  
Friendship Centres and Indigenous  
organizations

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A national high-school  
credit dance program for  
Indigenous youth in  
grades 7 through 12!



## How OLI works:

1. Communities, organizations and friendship centres apply through a written or video application process. If approved, OLI staff begin weekly conference calls with each community partner to plan for program implementation.
2. OLI launches program and youth begin dancing; youth learn about program requirements (academic, attendance, choreography, behaviour) and about the goal to travel to Toronto to perform with youth from across Canada; OLI staff conduct an orientation for all volunteers involved in the program.
3. Each community has a designated dance instructor who travels to your community to work with the youth 2-3 hours per day for 5 days per week, on a monthly basis, over 6 months.
4. Over the course of the 6 month program implementation, program managers run weekly scheduled conference calls with volunteers. During monthly visits by the program manager, youth are assessed on academic progress, attendance, choreography, and behaviour.
5. If youth have met all requirements, they travel to Toronto for 2 weeks where they engage in daily rehearsals to prepare for the annual performances. OLI youth perform at two performances where they are the stars of the show for over 6000 audience members cheering them on!

# MISSION STATEMENT

Through the transformative art of dance, Indigenous youth are inspired to pursue education, engage in self-expression, and celebrate empowerment!

Outside Looking In is:

Canada-wide A national-based organization, offering our program anywhere in Canada

Indigenous We work solely with Indigenous youth in communities, organizations and friendship centres

Education We offer a high school credit dance program for youth in Grades 7 through 12

Dance We recruit the most talented dance instructors across the country to teach youth the latest dance moves

Health We engage youth in regular physical activity and promote healthy eating habits

Life Skills We teach youth about commitment, perseverance, and hard work

Empowerment We guide youth on a journey to academic achievement, well-being and prosperous futures

Performance We invite audiences to celebrate the success of the youth at our culminating annual event in Toronto

