

National Day of Healing and Reconciliation (NDHR)

The 2012 NDHR celebration in Edmonton on June 8th was co-sponsored this year by The African Centre and the Native Counselling Services of Alberta. The event brought together members of the African and Aboriginal communities at a unique cultural celebration of drumming, dance, conversation and food. Over 120 attended the event.



The dancers and drummers who entertained the participants. Photo Jack Freebury

Charlene Bearhead, coordinator of NDHR and co-host said "This event is about exploring a conversation of drum, dance and narration between African and Aboriginal Canadians at a grassroots level and the wider Edmonton community at large. The spirit of the occasion is awareness, respect and cultural reconciliation".



left to right Sulaiman Wakilzada (Afghanistan), Peter Heyes, Maggie Hodgson's grandson, Scerdo Sahrak (Somalia), Charlene Bearhead, Maggie Hodgson, and Cheryl Johner Edmonton Public School Trustee.