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ALL ARE WELCOME!

This event is for the general public...

- ✓ Children & families
- ✓ Language & culture enthusiasts
- ✓ K-12 students & teachers
- ✓ University students & academics
- ✓ Artists, artisans & musicians
- ✓ Literature & film aficionados

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ABOUT US

Reencuentro Taíno Conference is a historic event, focusing on the Taíno language and culture (assumed lost for 500+ years).

Brought to you by the **Municipality of Canóvanas, Puerto Rico** and **Casa Areyto** (an organization dedicated to revitalizing the Taíno language) this first-of-its-kind conference will feature...

- ✓ Taíno linguists
- ✓ historians & archeologists
- ✓ artists & musicians
- ✓ spiritual leaders
- ✓ Taíno chiefs, and more!

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More information:

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20+ presenters sharing their expertise in linguistics, archeology, symbology, and more



15+ presentations, workshops, exhibitions & children's programs



1 historic event

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OUR GOALS

Reencuentro Taíno Conference represents cultural diversity and inclusion with a focus on Indigenous language reclamation. Our conference seeks to highlight the work of a resilient Taíno people, who have kept their Indigenous language and traditions alive through the academic and social endeavors of their descendants.

Our key goals include:

- ✓ Create a space for sharing and learning.
- ✓ Present modern Taíno variants to the world.
- ✓ Bust the Taíno extinction myth once and for all!



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TAÍNO STATS



1st Indigenous language & people of contact with Europeans in 1492



9+ island-countries, include Puerto Rico, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Cuba & Jamaica



~5.4 million Taíno descendants in the continental US and Puerto Rico



1st modern variant of Taíno created in 2018



Impacted all other languages & cultures (e.g. barbecue, hurricane, hammock, canoe)



DNA and other evidence debunk the Taíno extinction myth

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ABOUT OUR **PARTNERS**



The municipality of Canóvanas (also known as the City of the Indians) has a long history rooted in Taíno tradition. It was originally named for Kasike Canobaná, one of two Taíno chiefs in the region before colonization.

FUN FACTS:

- ✓ Founded in 1910
- ✓ Population ~43K
- ✓ Hon. Lornna J. Soto, mayor & former senator
- ✓ Part of the greater San Juan Metropolitan Area
- ✓ Home to Hipódromo Camarero, conference venue & host of the Equestrian Series of the Caribbean
- ✓ 57.8K followers across social media

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Casa Areyto envisions a world in which Taino descendants know who they are and where they come from. To that end, they work to revitalize the Taino language and culture through educational video lessons, children's books, and live events.

- ✓ Launched in 2021
- ✓ 250+ Taino lessons on YouTube
- ✓ 85.6K YouTube views
- ✓ 6K+ followers across social media
- ✓ YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram

IN THE MEDIA:

[America the Bilingual Podcast](#)

[South Portland Human Rights Commission](#)

[South Portland's Press Herald](#)

[Faces of Language Reclamation](#)

[On the Christie's Auction of Taino Artifacts](#)

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