



Comité d'action du premier ministre
sur la prévention de la violence familia

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Fifty years ago, on February 16, 1967, the historic Royal Commission on the Status of Women was launched. Using this landmark Royal Commission as a starting point, the Advisory Council on the Status of Women and the Aboriginal Women's Association will host a **study group on women in Canada** (see flyer attached). The group will meet

bi-weekly in March and April to consider women's equality decade by decade, from 1967-2017.

The study group will ask: *What was particularly relevant for women during each 10-year period? How has women's equality advanced in the last 50 years? Which women were left out of consideration and remain underrepresented in decision-making today?*

The group will launch **Thursday March 2, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm**. The first session will **focus on the years 1967-1977**. The study group will be held at the Confederation Centre Public Library in Charlottetown. Kendi Tarichia will bring the perspective of Black Islanders to the first study group discussion.

Mark the dates March 16, and 30; and April 13 and 27 for future study groups in the series. For more information, contact [902-368-4510](tel:902-368-4510) or info@peistatusofwomen.ca or visit <http://peiacsw.wordpress.com>

2) **BE BOLD FOR CHANGE! Celebrate International Women's Day March 8th, 2017**

Dancing! Resistance! Food and Fun! **International Women's Day 2017 is March 8th** and a fabulous committee is organizing an evening of celebration and bold action for equality (see flyer attached). There will be demonstrations of group dances from a variety of cultures, which everyone can participate in. There will also be the opportunity to creatively express ideas for acting boldly together to bring about the equality of women everywhere. Quotations from women and art supplies and materials will be provided.

We will boldly sing *Bread & Roses* together, and Advisory Council Chairperson Mari Basiletti will read her International Women's Day Opinion piece. And of course there will be refreshments! All ages and genders are very welcome.

Festivities from 4:30 – 7:00pm, Wednesday March 8 at the Jack Blanchard Center, 7 Pond Street Charlottetown. This is a wheelchair accessible space.

For details, contact Michelle at info@peistatusofwomen.ca call [902-368-4510](tel:902-368-4510) or <https://peiacsw.wordpress.com/2017/02/23/happy-international-womens-day-2017/>

3) **Deadline Extended for Entries to Youth Storyboard and Video Showcase to March 10**

Due to the vast number of storm days that we have experienced over the past two weeks, the Premier's Action Committee Youth Engagement Working Group is **extending the deadline for Youth Engagement Storyboard and Video Showcase entries from February 17 to March 10** to allow more classrooms to participate in this valuable classroom opportunity.

The following video highlights the positive experience of a classroom that participated in the 2016 storyboard showcase: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rc0H-a85EU8>

For more information about the Storyboard and Video Showcase, visit <http://stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca/2017storyboard>

4) Elder Abuse Awareness Community Grant, deadline March 13

In recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, (June 15), communities, networks, band/tribal councils and non-government organizations are invited to submit proposals for community events and projects to help raise awareness of elder abuse. To support your efforts the PEI Seniors' Secretariat is pleased to offer a small grant contribution (up to \$200) towards your project.

For full details and to receive an application form please contact cafreeze@gov.pe.ca or call 1-866-770-0588.

5) Island Storm Game Community Partner – PEI FVPS, March 26

PEI Family Violence Prevention Services will be the community partner with the Island Storm on March 26, 2017. Please save the date if you are a fan of the Storm or would like a fun afternoon out for a good cause. Most importantly- if you are interested in selling tickets for the event let us know! Tickets are \$10 each with \$5 going to PEI FVPS. Selling a few tickets is a great way to give to the organization. If you would like to volunteer to sell tickets please email Dara Rayner at dara@fvps.ca

6) New Handbook Helps Provincial Government Support Employees Affected by Family Violence

A new handbook will help the provincial government recognize and respond to employees affected by family violence.

The handbook, Guidelines for Addressing Family Violence and the Workplace will help managers and supervisors recognize the signs of family violence and provide guidance to support employees affected by family violence, along with contact information for community resources and trained professionals. It does not replace the services of trained professionals.

The handbook was developed through the collaborative efforts of the Interministerial Women’s Secretariat, the Public Service Commission and the departments of Justice and Family and Human Services.

For a copy of the guide, visit http://www.gov.pe.ca/photos/original/hrppm_s9.06.pdf

Private sector employers are encouraged to adapt the guide for their own use.

REMINDER DETAILS

1) Legal Clinic for Self-Represented Litigants Launched

Chief Justice David Jenkins has announced a "Summary Legal Services Clinic" that will offer advice to people who are going to court without a lawyer to represent them. Only Civil and Family Law cases will be eligible. Criminal trials are not included. The "clinic" is being

staffed by volunteers from local law firms who will meet, one-on-one, with eligible participants for up to 45 minutes to discuss a case and provide assistance with courtroom procedures. The clinic is intended only for people who are not already represented by a lawyer and who are pursuing court action on their own.

The sessions will take place on Tuesday mornings at the Supreme Court, 42 Water Street, Charlottetown. The consultations are by appointment only and successful applicants will be contacted by courthouse staff to confirm arrangements. To apply for a consultation at the Summary Legal Services Clinic, contact the Community Legal Information Association: clia@cliapei.ca or 902-892-0853.

2) PEI Family Violence Prevention Services launches *Building Brighter Futures Campaign*

PEI FVPS is excited to officially launch the **Building Brighter Futures Campaign** in 2017! This is a campaign tasked with building a 1-Million Dollar endowment fund that will be invested with the Community Foundation. This fund will help play a role in ensuring the long term sustainability of our organization. You can see more information about the campaign, as well as a brochure and promotional video here: <http://fvps.ca/brighterfutures>

3) Volunteers Needed to Help Promote Events for PEI Family Violence Prevention Services

PEI FVPS is in the process of updating their mailing list. We're interested in volunteers to help promote our events throughout the year. Whether you want to share events, post flyers or spread news by word of mouth, we'd love to have you on our list of supporters! Many hands make light work- and good promotion can often mean the difference between a successful or unsuccessful event!

If you are interested please email admin@fvps.ca and ask to join our mailing list, or follow us on Facebook (<http://facebook.com/PEIFVPS>) or Twitter (<http://twitter.com/PEIFVPS>)

THANK YOU!

**Premier's Action Committee on
Family Violence Prevention Vision Statement**

A society where all individuals are safe, respected and valued; where any form of violence is unacceptable; and where children, women, and men have opportunities to reach their full potential and contribute to the overall well-being of all families and communities.

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