



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

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ANNOUNCEMENT DETAILS

- 1) **THANK YOU for contributions to 2018 Family Violence Prevention Week**

Family Violence Prevention Week 2018 was February 11 to 17. By all accounts, it was a huge success! There was engagement from tip-to-tip in our province. Cities, towns and

municipalities hosted great PAC-sponsored events, and this year so did community organizations. The Family Violence Prevention Week Mini-Grants were open to community groups this year, so there was participation at multiple facets of community, which is really exciting. For a link to FVPW pictures, please go

to <http://www.stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca/index.php3?number=1055807&lang=E>

Also, please check out the official video for this

year <https://www.facebook.com/govpe/videos/1570975496273191/>

Sincere thanks to everyone who participated in events, who shared information through social media and spread the word that family violence prevention is everyone's business.

- Family Violence Prevention Week Co-Chairs Michelle Harris-Genge and Lindsay Merrill

2) Links to Make It Your Business violence prevention videos

During Family Violence Prevention Week, PEI Family Violence Prevention Services and project partners launched the "Make it Your Business" video series to provide training materials for people who witness violence to learn safe and effective strategies to help.

The series includes six professionally-produced, engaging videos, available here:

<http://www.fvps.ca/makeityourbusiness/>. Also available at this location are downloadable manuals for facilitators and learners who want to use the videos in workplace training. PAC is recognized as a Silver Sponsor of this project. Thanks and congratulations to all the PAC members involved in creating this excellent resource.

3) Survey for Post-Secondary Students – Family Violence Prevention Week awareness

Students from UPEI, Holland College, and Collège de l'Île are invited to complete a bilingual survey about their knowledge of Family Violence Prevention Week resources and events.

Post-secondary students who complete the questionnaire have the option to enter a draw for a \$100 gift card. Please share the link widely with post-secondary students in your lives:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/students-eleves-2018>. The deadline to complete the survey will be March 16, 2018. Thanks in advance from the PAC Evaluation Working Group.

4) UPEI Screening of “The Light of the Moon” and panel discussion

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

6:30pm-10:00pm

McDougall Hall, Room 242, UPEI, 550 University Avenue, Charlottetown

Join members of the UPEI campus community and of the PEI community March 7 at 6:30 pm for a screening of the award winning film, "The Light of the Moon" directed by Jessica M. Thompson and starring Stephanie Beatriz. The trailer can be viewed

here: <https://www.thelightofthemoonfilm.com/>

Description of the film: "The film stars Stephanie Beatriz as Bonnie, a woman who was sexually assaulted in New York City and covers a six week period following the assault and deals with the resulting impact on her and the changes in her relationships."

Entrance is by donation. **Proceeds will go to the Anderson House and the Chief Mary Bernard Memorial Shelter.**

After the film, there will be a moderated panel with various campus and community organization leaders to answer your questions and to lead a discussion on the topic of sexual assault.

Confirmed panelists: Michelle Jay (PEI Status of Women), Cybelle Rieber (PEERS Alliance). More to come!

Facebook Event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1802103626530412/>

5) **TIME TO MAKE WAVES - International Women's Day, March 8, 2018**

Come join women's groups, labour groups, and newcomers' organizations on Thursday, March 8 to celebrate International Women's Day!

There will be FUN, food, friends, music, a kid's station and of course DANCING!

This is a FREE event - no charge to join in the celebration!

Everyone is welcome – Come as you are. Hope to see you there!

International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity.

International Women's Day (IWD) has been observed since the early 1900's - a time of great expansion and turbulence in the industrialized world that saw booming population growth and the rise of radical ideologies. International Women's Day is a collective day of global celebration and a call for gender parity. No one government, NGO, charity, corporation, academic institution, women's network or media hub is solely responsible for International Women's Day.

"The story of women's struggle for equality belongs to no single feminist nor to any one organization but to the collective efforts of all who care about human rights," International Women's Day is all about unity, celebration, reflection, advocacy and action - whatever that looks like globally at a local level. But one thing is for sure, International Women's Day has been occurring for well over a century - and continues to grow from strength to strength.

REMINDER DETAILS

1) Canadian Domestic Violence Conference 5: Networking the grassroots domestic violence movement from across Canada, March 20-23, 2018

The Canadian Domestic Violence Conference 5 is a national showcase of ground-breaking grassroots initiatives that address intimate partner violence.

While primarily emphasizing men’s violence against women, this Conference will also focus conversations on the margins of the field, such as violence in same-sex relationships; violence with people with disabilities; in aboriginal relationships; first generation immigrant relationships; and straight women’s perpetration of abuse.

To address the diversity among women, the conference will explore conversations with women who want to leave, women who are ambivalent about their relationships and women who know they want to stay. This broad range of discussions will include individual, couple, family and group conversations.

This year, the CDVC5 will highlight trailblazing community initiatives designed to challenge social determinants of domestic violence. While primarily challenging sexism, the Conference will also focus on how the field is challenging key issues such as racism, poverty, homophobia, and ableism.

The mandate of the Conference is to move the field forward, and therefore encourages participants and presenters to highlight and share innovative approaches that are developing in the various communities across Canada.

Location: Nova Centre, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Registration fees:

Pre-conference workshops (March 20 & 21, 2018): **\$160.00 CDN** per workshop

Main Conference (March 22-23, 2018):

- Professionals - Early-bird Rate (prior to February 15, 2018) **\$295.00** CDN
- Professionals - Regular Rate (after February 15, 2018) **\$345.00** CDN
- Students - Early-bird Rate (prior to February 15, 2018) **\$160.00** CDN
- Students - Regular Rate (after February 15, 2018) **\$190.00** CDN

To register go to <https://canadiandomesticviolenceconference.org/registration/>

For information on pre-conference workshops and the conference program go to: <https://canadiandomesticviolenceconference.org/events>

2) “A Better Man” Film available to stream through TV Ontario

If you missed the summer screening of the documentary “A Better Man,” it is now available to stream through TV Ontario.

"A Better Man offers a fresh and nuanced look at the healing and revelation that can happen for everyone involved when men take responsibility for their abuse. It also empowers audience members to play new roles in challenging domestic violence, whether it's in their own relationships or as part of a broader movement for social change."

Streaming here:

<https://tvo.org/article/current-affairs/shared-values/-a-better-man-shifting-the-conversation-on-violence-against-women>

3) **Volunteers Still Needed by PEI Family Violence Prevention Services**

PEI Family Violence Prevention Services is still looking for volunteers. We're interested in individuals 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 lindsay@fvps.ca and ask to join our mailing list, or follow us on Facebook (<http://facebook.com/PEIFVPS>) or Twitter (<http://twitter.com/PEIFVPS>)

4) **PEI Family Violence Prevention Services Building Brighter Futures Campaign**

PEI Family Violence Prevention Services is delighted with the success thus far in the Building Brighter Futures endowment campaign. **We are currently over 62% of our \$1 Million dollar goal.** If you are interested in contributing to the campaign, or helping out in any of our fundraising, please contact Lindsay Merrill at lindsay@fvps.ca To see more about the campaign, as well as access our campaign brochure and promotional video, visit our website at <http://www.fvps.ca/brighterfutures>

5) **Men Matter, PEI's male centered group program being offered for male survivors of sexual abuse**

Men Matter is a male centered, free of charge group program for male survivors of sexual abuse in PEI (see flyer attached). **Men Matter** is managed and administered by the PEI Rape and Sexual Assault Centre, and the Catholic Family Services Bureau is the access point for men who wish to participate.

If you would like more information about the Men Matter program, you can call Sigrid Rolfe at the PEI Rape and Sexual Assault Centre, 902-566-1864, or Chris Doiron at the Catholic Family Service Bureau, 902-894-3515.

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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