



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

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1) Sisters in Spirit Vigil PEI, October 4

The Aboriginal Women's Association of PEI as well as supporting partners, Native Council of PEI, Family Pride Program (Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI), Abegweit Wellness Centre, Chief Mary Bernard Memorial Women's Shelter (LIFN Health Centre), PEI Interministerial Women's Secretariat and PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women, have been proud to show their support and are committed to raising awareness of our "Stolen Sisters" & "Stop the Violence" against women in PEI.

When: October 4 starting at 11:30am

Where: Confederation Landing Charlottetown PE

To indicate your attendance, please contact Eileen Conway-Martin, econwaymartin@gmail.com

For further information on this event, please contact AWAPEI office:
 (902) 831-3059, info@awapei.org

For Information on the Sisters In Spirit Initiative (NWAC) go to www.nwac.ca

2) Webinar for the Public: Calculating business costs of domestic violence, October 5

Webinar on calculating business costs of domestic violence for the general public (see flyer attached). The presenter is Dr. Vara-Horna, Director of the Research Institute in Business Sciences of the University of San Martín de Porres, in Lima Peru and an International consultant on the costs of gender violence, for the German Cooperation Agency [GIZ](http://GIZ.de). He has developed a research methodology to measure the company level costs of domestic violence to medium and large sized enterprises.

Date: Friday October 5, 2018

Time: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Eastern time (1-2:30pm Atlantic time)

Register at

<http://learningtoendabuse.ca/business-costs-domestic-violence>

Sponsored by Western University's Department of Economics and Centre for Research and Education on Violence Against Women and Children.

3) Violence Against Women Prevention Grants, application deadline October 19

The Interministerial Women's Secretariat provides assistance to the provincial government to promote the legal, health, social and economic equality of women. In addition, the Secretariat works in partnership with community organizations to develop projects, programs and services that benefit women in Prince Edward Island.

Sexual violence, family violence and other forms of violence against women come at high social cost. The outcomes are apparent in our social, health and justice systems. Violence against women impacts PEI's economic development and workforce. It impacts education, whether a student is personally experiencing peer-to-peer violence at school or at home. The impacts range varying sectors of society and they are immediate and long term.

Victims and survivors of violence against women include women-identifying people across all economic circumstances, geographic locations, ages, abilities and racial and cultural backgrounds. Violence against women impacts our communities, both rural and urban. Whether directly or indirectly, violence against women affects all members of our society. And each community experiences violence against women in unique, specific ways.

As such, it is vital to focus on prevention measures. The *Violence Against Women Prevention Grant* will be administered through the Interministerial Women's Secretariat to fund projects whose focus is the prevention of violence against women in PEI.

FUNDING PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The objective of the *Violence Against Women Prevention Grant* is to provide project funding to community organizations for innovative projects that will enhance awareness, education and action towards preventing violence against women in PEI.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Incorporated non-profit organizations from PEI will be eligible for funding. Projects from individuals (that is, projects that are submitted by individuals and not on behalf of a non-profit organization) will not be eligible. **As these are one-time only grants, projects that require multi-year funding will not be considered.** All groups must commit to signing a contract and adhering to the requirements of the contract (including stipulations regarding insurance, reporting, or other).

For details of eligible expenditures, assessment criteria and assessment process, and other requirements see the attached information sheet.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Proposals must be received by **October 19, 2018**, and must meet the eligibility requirements. Any proposals that do not meet the eligibility requirements will be immediately disqualified. All final funding decisions will be made by the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women. Successful applicants will be notified by the International Day of the Elimination of Violence Against Women (November 25, 2018).

For more information, please go to: www.princeedwardisland.ca/IWSpreventiongrant

4) **Webinar: Understanding immigrant women's experiences and responses to intimate partner violence: Looking beyond the 'cultural' framing, October 30**

Understanding immigrant women's experiences and responses to intimate partner violence: Looking beyond the 'cultural' framing

Presented by: Vathsala Illesinghe, Violence Against Women Researcher, Community Physician in Sri Lanka, PhD Student, PE Trudeau Scholar

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 | 1:00-2:15 PM EST (2:00-3:15 PM AST)

To Register: <http://www.vawlearningnetwork.ca/webinar-series>

When immigrant women in Canada experience violence in their intimate relationships, they must also bear a cultural burden because it is framed as a form of violence experienced differently by racialized communities. A framing that hides the systemic inequalities and gender power imbalances re-created and reinforced by immigration policies. As a result, rendering invisible the ways in which government policies systematically place some population groups at risk, increase women's vulnerability to abuse, and fail to provide services and supports to them. Understanding immigrant women's experiences and responses to intimate partner violence post-migration must be embedded in the structures that constrain their role and participation in migration pathways and processes. This Webinar aims to make that link.

As an experienced violence against women researcher in Sri Lanka and a new immigrant woman in Canada, Vathsala brings a deep understanding of South Asian women's vulnerability to violence in their home countries, the complexities surrounding their migration experiences, and the gaps in services and responses to addressing violence experienced by immigrant and refugee women in Canada.

5) **Recipients of the 2018 PEI Senior Islanders of the Year Award announced, PAC Chair Ann Sherman is an esteemed recipient**

The PEI Senior Islanders of the Year Award was created to recognize and celebrate the many contributions of Island seniors. This award recognizes significant contributions in many areas, including volunteers, artistic achievement, fundraising, community activities, education, fitness/education, and other activities.

Ann Sherman, PAC's chair is one of this year's esteemed recipients. She is recognized for being a life-long advocate in the areas of social justice, crime prevention, human rights and access to justice. In addition to serving as chairperson for the Premiers Action Committee on Family Violence, she has served on numerous boards and committees at the local, provincial, regional and national level and is a past recipient of the Queens' Diamond Jubilee Award. The letters of support for her nomination all speak to her determination, commitment, compassion, and passion about improving the lives of others; especially those most vulnerable.

Ms. Sherman is joined by an exceptional group, with contributions ranging from involvement with Women's Institute, church groups, Red Cross, Heart and Stroke Foundation, seniors clubs, Royal Canadian Legion, human rights, social activism, Alzheimer's Society, Confederation Trail and much, much more.

Other esteemed recipients include:

- Grace Blackette, Cardigan
- Evelyn Jenkins, Mount Herbert
- Kaye Larkin, Cornwall
- Ann Sherman, Charlottetown
- Fairley Yeo, Knutsford

The award ceremony will be held on October 1. More information on the recipients will be available at <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/family-and-human-services/pei-senior-islanders-year>

6) PEI ACSW Purple Ribbon Campaign 2018: Time to step up. Be ready to prevent violence against women

This is the theme of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women's Purple Ribbon Campaign for 2018-19. The ASCW is extending its bystander theme with a message for everyone to be prepared and take responsibility (see this year's Purple Ribbon card image attached). Everyone can have a positive role and help to eliminate violence against women. While every gender experiences and perpetrates violence, women continue to be disproportionately victimized.

Over 17,000 purple ribbons and bookmarks will be distributed in communities across PEI beginning in November and into the spring of 2019. The Status of Women counts on volunteers to pin the ribbons to cards in preparation for distribution. Pick up a shoebox package and step up and end violence against women.

To help or for more information, contact Michelle: info@peistatusofowomen.ca or 902-368-4510.

7) Canadian Femicide Observatory for Justice and Accountability 8 Month Update: 106 women and girls were killed in Canada as of August 31, 2018

HIGHLIGHTS

- The first eight months of 2018, **106 women and girls were killed in Canada, primarily by men**. On average, this means that one woman or girl is killed every other day in this country, a consistent trend during the past four decades.
- There is increasing attention to the vulnerability of older women because of their growing representation in the population. **Almost one-third of the femicide victims were aged 55 and older**, supporting the recognized need for priority attention to this group of victims.
- **Indigenous women and girls continue to be overrepresented** as victims of femicide.
- **Almost half** of the femicide victims **were killed in their homes**. This means that women are at greatest risk where they should feel safest.
- **Shooting was the most common method** of killing where this information was documented.

- **One-third of identified accused were male partners** of the victims. Three-quarters of these accused were still in an intimate partner relationship with the victim and **one-quarter were in dating relationships**. These **underscore the importance of pending Criminal Code changes** to capture dating relationships and current legislation which directs judges to treat intimacy as an aggravating factor at sentencing.

Full report:

English: <https://femicideincanada.ca/sites/default/files/2018-09/CFOJA%20FINAL%20REPORT%20ENG%20V3.pdf>

French: <https://femicideincanada.ca/sites/default/files/2018-09/CFOJA%20FINAL%20REPORT%20FRE%20V4.pdf>

Follow the Observatory on Twitter @CAN_Femicide

For reflections on media reporting of femicides see https://twitter.com/CAN_Femicide/media

8) Issue Brief: Intimate Partner Violence Against Immigrant and Refugee Women

Developed in collaboration with the Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI), this issue on *Intimate Partner Violence Against Immigrant and Refugee Women* will:

- Counter common misconceptions related to IPV
- Examine experiences of IPV
- Consider the risk factors and vulnerabilities for IPV
- Highlight the barriers faced when seeking safety and accessing services and supports
- Share recommendations for successful violence prevention initiatives

Link to web page <http://www.vawlearningnetwork.ca/issue-26-intimate-partner-violence-against-immigrant-and-refugee-women>

Link to pdf http://www.vawlearningnetwork.ca/sites/vawlearningnetwork.ca/files/Issue_26-Final.pdf

REMINDER DETAILS

1) RESOLVE RESEARCH DAY 2018 – Circles of Care: The Impact of Intimate Partner Violence on Children, Families and Communities, October 18-19

Hosted by RESOLVE Saskatchewan and PATHS (Provincial Association of Transition Houses and Services of Saskatchewan) Thursday and Friday, October 18th and 19th, 2018 at the Travelodge Hotel and Conference Centre, Regina. See flyer attached.

2) Indigenous Justice Forum, October 19

The Indigenous Justice Program is proud to announce this year's keynote speak, the Honourable Graydon Nicholas. Born on the Tobique Reserve, he was a provincial court judge from 1991 to 2009 and was appointed as the Lieutenant Governor of NB until 2014, becoming the first Indigenous person to hold this office.

We are very excited that he has agreed to speak at our forum and share his knowledge and teachings with us as this year's theme is "*Sharing Our Teachings: Integrating Restorative Approaches to Healing*". The forum will be held in Charlottetown on October 19, 2018. See flyer, attached and please share with your networks.

Seats are limited so please register early by emailing Novalea MacKinnon at nmackinnon@mcpei.ca or calling 902-626-2882. We look forward to seeing you there.

3) 2018 MMFC Conference *The Abuse of Older Women: A Community-Based Research Event, October 23-24*

The Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre (MMFC), the Abuse of Older Adults Research Team (ANOART) would like to invite you to the 2018 MMFC Conference on *Abuse of Older Women: A Community-based Approach*. This 10 hour conference will take place on October 23rd and 24th of 2018 at the Wu Conference Centre, UNB. Guest speakers and research experts will provide their unique perspectives on the issue of abuse of older women in Canada, featuring keynote speaker Janice Du Mont of the Women's College Research Institute at the University of Toronto. See detailed information in English and French, and bilingual flyer attached.

The cost of registration is \$50 (+HST) for general admission and \$35 (+HST) for student admission. This includes parking passes and lunch on the second day of the conference. Refreshments will be available throughout the conference, free of charge.

This conference is a great opportunity for scholars, health care providers, personal support workers, government representatives, and everyone in between, to learn more about the unique experiences and needs of a vulnerable population. It is also a great networking opportunity, especially for those who are interested in this area of research.

To register for the conference, visit:

http://www.unb.ca/fredericton/arts/centres/mmfc/_resources/pdfs/registration-form-2018.pdf

For more information on the conference, or, on the research on abuse and neglect of older adults, e-mail: anoart.eranpa@unb.ca.

4) Learning and Caring for Ourselves Conference, October 27

If you are 50+ and want to learn and care for yourself- mark your calendars ! Saturday, October 27th at Montague Regional High School. Guests will present on topics of interest including: over medication, advanced care planning and health care directives, fraud and scam prevention, support for grandparents and healthy eating on a fixed income. For more information, or to register please email seniors@gov.pe.ca, or call 1-866-770-0588.

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.

6) 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 close to *80%* 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>

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.

www.stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca