

October 4 is National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls & Gender Diverse People

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On October 4, we commemorate the National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls & Gender Diverse People. Our hearts are with our community members and families that are grieving the loss of mothers, sisters, daughters, kokum's, aunties, cousins, and friends.

Immediate priorities from the *"Urban Path to Reclaiming Power and Place Regardless of Residency"*:

- Establish a National Urban Indigenous Strategy, with a clear definition of "urban", through a co-development process with urban service providers, community members, distinctions-based organizations and other key stakeholders. (p.49)
- Identify gaps caused by jurisdictional wrangling/urban governance and failings/effects of distinctions-based model and policy. Focus on a comprehensive strategy for the rights of children, with special attention to the girl-child. (p.49)
- Provide sustainable and long-term/evergreen core funding for urban Indigenous organizations and programs relevant to the safety of Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQI+ people, with investment in community needs assessments. (p.51)

What you can do

- **Read** ["Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls"](#)
- **Write a letter** to elected representatives asking them to commit to the 231 Calls for Justice in the National Inquiry into MMIWG Final Report.
- **Attend a local vigil.** Follow hashtag [#MMIWG2S](#) on Social Media to find local events in your area!
- **Wear red and hang a red dress from a tree or window.** [Learn more about Jamie Black's REDress Project.](#)
- **Amplify messaging surrounding today.** Use the following hashtags to find posts about the importance of today and share them on your social media accounts: [#MMIWG2S](#) [#MMIGActionNow](#) [#Sisterinspirit](#)

**Additional resources for
MMIWG2S+ Survivors**

World Contraception Day

is September 26

Action Canada presented a petition to the Government of Canada to make noise about why contraception matters and what urgently needs to be done to make contraception care a reality for everyone.

Why does free contraception matter and what does the petition call for?

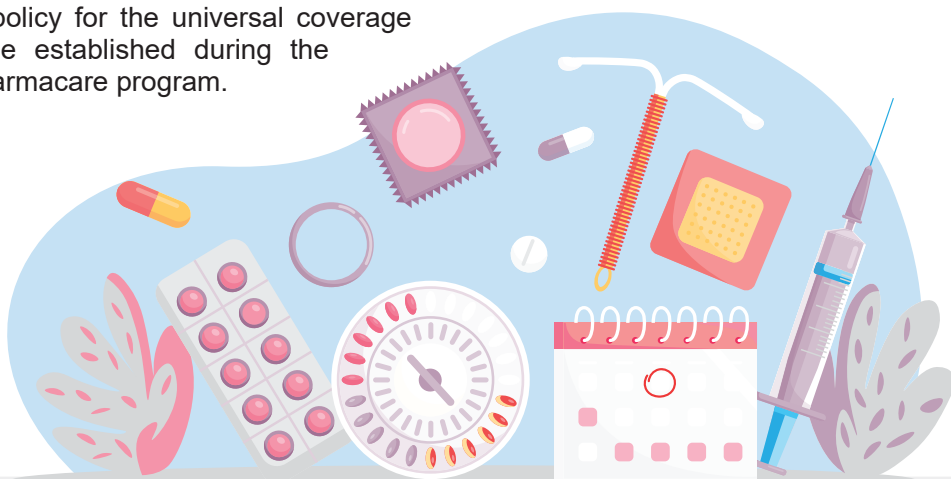
Reproductive rights are currently being challenged and demolished in the United States and losses to women's rights to health care in Canada aren't far behind. Worldwide, Canada ranks very poorly, compared to forty-six European nations in universal access to contraception, counselling and information. The petition calls on the Government of Canada to introduce a federal policy for the universal coverage of contraception and to reaffirm its commitment to ensuring that reproductive rights are protected, equally, for all those living in Canada.

Canada is the only country worldwide with universal healthcare, but with no coverage for prescription drugs and while the Government of Canada has committed to the implementation of a national pharmacare program, contraception has not been discussed. Failure to ensure the right to free contraception for all is an equity issue. [Statistics](#) from Action Canada, formerly Planned Parenthood, say that cost neutrality for providing contraception will occur at year one with a net savings within two years of implementation. A federal policy for free prescription birth control is "projected to create money, with studies showing up to \$9 saved in managing unplanned pregnancies for each \$1 invested in universal contraception" according to Action Canada.

It is imperative that a federal policy for the universal coverage of contraception in Canada be established during the implementation of a national pharmacare program.

**For more information
about sexual health and
rights in Canada and
globally, visit:**

Action Canada



Click to view the petition

**Want to keep the
momentum going?**

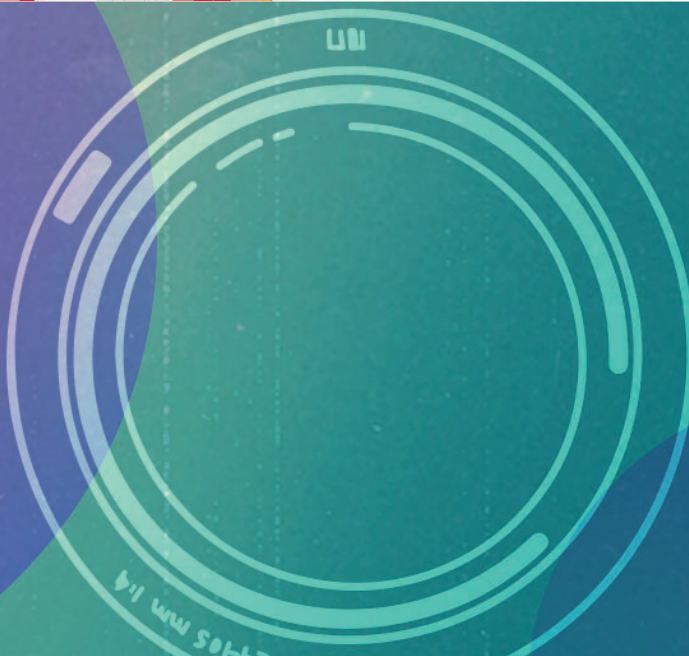
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Women's History Month

Through Her Lens



October is Women's History Month in Canada, a time to celebrate the women and girls from our past, and present, who are contributing to a better, more inclusive Canada.

In 1992, the Government of Canada designated October as Women's History Month, marking the beginning of an annual celebration of the outstanding achievements of women and girls throughout Canada's history.

This year's theme, **Through Her Lens: Celebrating the Diversity of Women**, emphasizes the importance of recognizing the achievements and contributions of women from diverse backgrounds. It focuses on the unique perspectives, experiences, and challenges faced by Indigenous women; women from 2SLGBTQI+ communities; and newcomer, racialized, and migrant women.

Let's continue to honour women who don't accept the status quo and fight hard to improve the lives of all women in the country.

Source: Women's History Month:Through Her Lens

Get involved

- Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#).
- Share our social media posts throughout the month or start a conversation using our social media shareables below with the hashtag [#WomensHistoryMonth](#).
- Use Women's History Month 2023 background below during your virtual meetings.
- Visit the [Women of Impact in Canada gallery](#), which recognizes the contributions and achievements of close to 170 exceptional women and girls who have made an impact in politics, the arts and sciences, and countless other fields.
- View [Women in Canadian History: A Timeline](#), to learn more about notable events in Canadian women's history.

**Women's History Month
2023 digital toolkit**

**Download these visuals
and use them on your website,
social media channels or virtual meetings.**

International Day of the Girl Child



October 11 is International Day of the Girl Child, a day dedicated to celebrating the voices and power of girls, championing their rights worldwide, and reflecting on the challenges they continue to face because of their gender.

Canada led the international effort to establish this day in order to draw attention to the persistent inequalities and dangers that too many girls face around the world. The United Nations subsequently adopted a resolution to formally recognize this important date.

Across Canada and around the world, girls are making an impact and creating positive change in their communities and far beyond. They are leading the way as students, entrepreneurs, volunteers and activists, and proving that you are never too young to shape the future and improve the lives of others.

Source: International Day of the Girl Child

**International
Day of the Girl Child 2023
digital toolkit**

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Did you know?

- Up to 10 million girls will be at risk of child marriage. The profound effects of the COVID-19 pandemic are putting girls at higher risk of early marriage due to a combination of economic shocks, school closures and interruptions in reproductive health services.
- Almost half of primary schools in LDCs lack single-sex toilets—an important factor in girls' attendance—and more than two thirds are without electricity.
- Girls are primarily victims of sexual exploitation (72 per cent of detected girl victims), while boys are mainly subjected to forced labour (66 per cent of detected boy victims).
- The global internet user gender gap is growing, from 11 per cent in 2013 to 17 per cent in 2019, and widest in the world's least developed countries at 43 per cent.
- Globally, the percentage of females among Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) graduates is below 15 per cent in over two-thirds of countries.

Source: Sustainable Development Goals Report 2021

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- Black Women in Canada
- Conservative Bill Defeated Amid Concerns That It Would Promote Fetal Rights
- Indigenous Women In Northern Canada Creating Sustainable Livelihoods Through Tourism
- Taliban Ban Beauty Salons For Women in Afghanistan
- She's Creating A Community For African Women In Canada
- Latest Women And Gender Equality (WAGE) Equity Matters Newsletter
- Men Still Make More Than Women In Ontario, And The Gap Has Barely Budged In Years. Here's Why
- Why Manitoba Refuses To Search for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women And Girls
- United Nations: International Day of the Girl Child