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L'Association des femmes autochtones du Canada The Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) is a national Indigenous advocacy organization representing the political voices of Indigenous women, in all their diversities, in Canada. NWAC advocates for and works with Métis, Inuit and First Nations – on- and off-reserve, status, and non-status, disenfranchised – across Canada. NWAC works to enhance, promote and foster the social, economic, cultural, and political well-being of Indigenous women, in all their diversities, within their respective communities and Canadian society.

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Introduction

The Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) is a national Indigenous organization that promotes the social, economic, cultural, and political well-being of Indigenous women, girls, Two-Spirit, transgender, and gender-diverse (WG2STGD+) people across Turtle Island and Inuit Nunangat. NWAC, with our Provincial and Territorial Member Associations, is dedicated to advocating and acting on ending the ongoing genocide of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and Two-Spirit+ people (MMIWG2S+).

As we did last year, NWAC is reporting on our annual actions towards answering the 231 Calls for Justice, as outlined by the National Inquiry into MMIWG. This report is intended to provide a high-level summary of our actions over the past year – including by highlighting work done by our Provincial and Territorial Member Associations (PTMAs). In doing so, this report outlines progress made through (1) advocacy, (2) policy and research, (3) programs and support, and (4) grassroots engagement.







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Action Through Advocacy

NWAC has continued to prioritize advocacy efforts to address the ongoing MMWIG2S+ genocide in Canada. Since June 2024, NWAC has continued to conduct campaigns and participate in events that draw considerable attention to MMIWG2S+. This includes:

- World Day Against Trafficking in Persons (July 30, 2024)
- Sisters in Spirit Day (October 4, 2024)
- 16 Days of Activism (November 25-December 10, 2024)
- Ribbon Skirt Day (January 4, 2025)
- Red Dress Day (May 5, 2025)

Although this past year NWAC did not host our own Sisters in Spirit vigil, we attended and supported a vigil hosted by the Families and Sisters in Spirit at Parliament Hill. Moreover, we also used our social media presence to share the location of several Sisters in Spirit vigils across Canada and to promote our Safe Passage platform.

Over the last year, NWAC's Presidents have continued to be staunch advocates in addressing the MMIWG2S+ crisis. In doing so, former President McBride and President Nepinak have released several statements through NWAC's social media calling on all levels of government to address MMIWG2S+.







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On behalf of the Native Women's Association of Canada, and from the depths of my heart, sending strength and love to the family of Morgan Beatrice Harris. It is important to acknowledge Morgan's return to her family brings forward a complex mix of emetions. For some, these can include hope, closure, and peake. For others, it is a reminder of those who remain missing and our community's oneign fight to bring loved ones home.

We recognize all those emotions and hold space in our hearts, homes, and communities for all those

touched by the MMIWG2S+ crisis-

💗 President Josie Nepinak

If you are in need of immediate support: Hope for Weiness Heip Line (24/7 days): 1-855-242-3310 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Gins Crisis Line: 1-844-413-6649 First Nations and inuit Hope for Weiness Heipline: 1-855-242-3310 National Suicide Prevention Line: 1-835-456-4564 If you are in need of immediate support; National Suicide Prevention Line: 1-833-456-4566

Murder victim Morgan Harris confirmed among 2 sets of remains found at Winnipeg-area landfill

Remains recovered late last month are 1 of 2 sets found in search of Prairie Green site

- CBC News - Posted: Mar 07, 2025 8:49 PM EST | Last Updated: 8 hours ago



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On behalf of NWAC, we call on all levels of government to prioritize and fund the actions necessary to On behair or NWAC, we call on all levels or government to prioritize and fund the actions necessary to bring closure to the families of ALL individuals loss to the MMIWG25+ Crisis. We echo words shared bring cosure to the families of ALL individuals lost to the Ministructa+ Units, we echo words share by the Assembly of Manitoba Chieft; the cost of a search must never be weighed against a human life and 'every life is sacred, and every family deserves answers.' On a personal note, as a member of Tanya Nepinak's family, the recent discoveries of Morgan Harris,

On a personal note, as a member or Tanya Nepinak's Tamily, the recent discoveries of Morgan Harris, Mercedes Myran, and Ashlee Shingdose – have served as a stark reminder that that 2025 will mark 19 years which Tanya has been missing. That is 14 years of grieving and many Nepinak family members who have passed without closure. There is still an opportunity to provide closure for Tanya's mether. years which lange has been missing. That is to years or grieving and many records laming memories who have passed without closure. There is still an opportunity to provide closure for Tanya's motherthe Brady Landfill must be searched NOW.

V President Josie Nepinak

Read more of AMC's Statement here: https://bit.ly/4cbDiyu If you are in need of immediate support;

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> NEWS RELEASE APRIL 1, 2025

AMC DEMANDS JUSTICE FOR TANYA NEPINAK AND BRADY LANDFILL SEARCH

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AMC Demands Justice for Tanya Nepinak and Brady Landfill Search may be very distressing to read. Please be prepared.

NWAC President, Josie Nepinak, with BCNWA President Gena Edwards with AFN National Chief Cindy Woodhouse at **UNCSW** in New York City (March 2025).



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Another cornerstone of NWAC's advocacy efforts has been our ongoing involvement in national and international fora. Since June 2024, NWAC has attended United Nations gatherings, in which we advocated bringing an end to the MMWIG2S+ crisis, including by sending delegations to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (March 10-21, 2025) and the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (April 24 to May 2, 2025). Moreover, NWAC also had several opportunities to participate in national roundtable and Federal-Provincial-Territorial-Indigenous (FPT) discussions. This includes:

- FPTI for Ministers of the Environment and Indigenous Leaders (July 9, 2024)
- 2024 Summer Meeting of Canada's Premiers (July 15-17, 2024)
- FPTI on the Status of Women (July 23, 2024)
- FPTI for Ministers responsible for Transportation (February 20, 2025)
- IFPT Roundtable on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQI+ People (January 29-30, 2025)
- Representatives from NWAC and PTMAs at the IFPT Roundtable on MMIWG2S+ on January 29-30, 2025 in Ottawa.

National and international meetings are critical in progressing advocacy, providing an important platform for sharing the experiences of Indigenous women. Moreover, NWAC's attendance at FPTI ensures that the voices of Indigenous women in all their diversity are included during decision-making processes.

> Representatives from NWAC and PTMAs at the IFPT Roundtable on MMIWG2S+ on January 29-30, 2025 in Ottawa.







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50 Years of National Advocacy

Over the last 50 years, NWAC has been a driver of national advocacy for Indigenous women in all their diversity. This work has been closely intertwined with significant policy changes and Indigenous movements, which have shaped our mission and advocacy efforts over time.

In celebration of the last 50 years of advocacy, NWAC published *50 Years of National Advocacy* which outlined our contributions in advancing the rights of Indigenous women in Canada. In the historical recount, NWAC underscores our role in responding to MMIWG2S+, from Sisters in Spirit to Safe Passage.



PTMA Highlights

- Upon the announcement of the funding for the initiative, Marjolaine Étienne, President of Quebec Native Women (QNW), spoke about the importance of a 24/7 helpline for Indigenous women who have experienced domestic, family, and sexual violence in Quebec.¹
- British Columbia Native Women's Association (BCNWA) helped create 100 ribbon skirts for the 34th Annual Women's Memorial March in Vancouver, BC that took place on February 14, 2025.²



¹ Watts, Rachel. February 10, 2025. "Quebec helps fund new 24/7 helpline for Indigenous women facing violence". CBC News.

² https://www.facebook.com/NWAC.AFAC/posts/%EF%B8%8F-100-ribbon-skirts-for-the-34th-annualwomens-memorial-march-%EF%B8%8Fthe-bc-native-wom/930003949258410/



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- Manitoba Moon Voices Inc (MMVI) organized and hosted a Red Dress event in May 2025 and Sisters in Spirit vigil October 2024, to honour and raise awareness for MMIWG2S+. Both events included space, remembrance, and community support.³
- Indigenous Women of the Wabanaki Territory (IWWT) held a Red Dress Day



event in New Brunswick. The event began with a march led by Grand Chief Ron Tremblay and included several speakers who used their voices to honour and commemorate MMIWG2S+.⁴

- Yukon Aboriginal Women's Council (YAWC) organized a Sisters in Spirit vigil in Whitehorse, Yukon, where supporters gathered at the RCMP detachment for speeches emphasizing the need to treat the deaths and disappearances MMIWG2S+ individuals.⁵
- Jasmine Redfern, President of Nunavut Inuit Women's Association (NIWA), spoke out about concerns over the funding that flows through the Inuit Child First Initiative, and the potential impacts this can have on children and families in Nunavut.⁶ NIWA also released their annual report card on child poverty which also referenced the important role of Inuit Child First Initiative/Jordan's Principle.

⁶ Antunes, Jorge. January 30, 2025. "'Catastrophic': Children's, family advocates fear loss of Inuit Child First Initiative funding". Nunatsiaq News



³ manitobamoonvoices.com/red-dress-day-2/

⁴ https://www.facebook.com/share/p/16ZMLr25au/?mibextid=wwXlfr

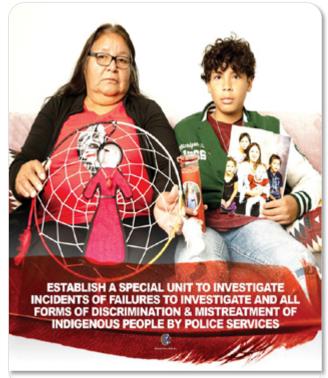
⁵ Sisters in Spirit vigils take place in Whitehorse and Dawson City | 96.1 The Rush



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MMIWG2S+ March, Yukon/YAWC (May 2025).



Manitoba Moon Voices Inc. Action and Awareness, (October 2024).



Red Dress Day, Fredericton/IWWT (May 2025).

Sisters in Spirit Event, Edmonton/IWWA (February 2025).





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Action Through Policy & Research

NWAC plays a pivotal role in policy development and research to support Indigenous women in all their diversity. This work encompasses a broad spectrum of issues that overlap with MMIWG2S+, including health, justice, violence prevention, language and cultural preservation. Over the last year, NWAC has continued conducting several projects, including:

- MMIWG2S+ Engagement: Over the last year, NWAC has engaged regionally, nationally, and internationally to ensure the voices of Indigenous women in all their diversity are heard on MMIWG2S+. Through this project, NWAC also hosted two MMIWG2S+ roundtables at our 2024 AGA.
- Safe Passage: Providing ongoing monitoring and reporting on cases of MMIWG2S+ through our community-driven, trauma-informed, and survivor-centered platform. NWAC has also continued to add and develop resources shared on the platform.
- Annual Scorecards: On June 3, 2023, NWAC published our annual scorecards to evaluate progress towards ending the genocide. In <u>NWAC's MMIWG2S+ Action Plan: Annual Scorecard</u> 2023-24, we noted the completion or substantial completion of almost all 66 of the actions outlined in our action plan. In <u>Annual Scorecard: National Action Plan</u> <u>Progress Report 2023-24</u>, we were critical of the federal government for not taking an urgent response to ending the ongoing genocide.
- UNDA Implementation Project: Through this project, NWAC is supporting Justice Canada efforts to align the laws of Canada to UNDRIP. To support this, NWAC has released a fulsome <u>report</u> which outlining recommendations and the next steps.
- Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD): NWAC conducted a two-year study exploring the perspectives of Indigenous W2STGD+ people around MAiD. Through nine sharing circles and surveys with 58 participants and 39 MAiD practitioners, the research highlighted concerns around cultural safety, limited awareness, and lack of spiritually grounded care, especially in remote areas. Participants emphasized the sacredness of death, mistrust of healthcare systems, and the need for trauma-informed, Indigenous-led





approaches. Findings call for policy changes that reflect Indigenous laws, languages, and worldviews to ensure culturally meaningful and equitable end-of-life care.

- Urban Indigenous Housing: In this research project, NWAC undertook research to support the development of the Urban, Rural, and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy. <u>This research</u> focused on addressing the specific gaps faced by Indigenous women in urban centres.
- Engaging Indigenous People in Climate Change Policy (EIPCCP): The goal of this project is to include the voices and perspectives of Indigenous women and girls in all their gender diversity in the decisionmaking of national climate change policy. NWAC, in collaboration with the Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) focuses on Sharing Traditional Ecological Knowledge through Land-based Learning.

Alongside our policy and research efforts, NWAC met regularly with working-level staff in federal departments to provide recommendations on how to advance the 231 Calls for Justice in the policies and programs, and to assist in coordinating higher-level meetings for NWAC's executive to attend and advocate at the national stage. Most notably, last year NWAC attended regular bilateral meetings with the MMIWG2S+ Secretariate to share working-level insights related to NWAC's ongoing work, as well as to communicate feedback and recommendations heard through our engagements and communications with NWAC's executive and PTMAs.

An intention of these engagements was also to learn more about ongoing initiatives at the federal-level to share information on ongoing MMIWG2S+ work with NWAC's executive and our PTMAs. Meeting with the MMIWG2S+ Secretariate was invaluable to this goal as we were able to share updates on key initiatives including the Red Dress Alert, Annual MMIWG2S+ Reporting and the Annual IFPT+ Roundtable on MMIWG2S+. NWAC also attended engagements related to the RCMP's Body-Worn Cameras Initiative and Public Safety Canada's review of Canada's Human Trafficking Strategy with this intention in mind.





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- QNW conducted regional consultations with Indigenous women and families to inform recommendations on justice reform, policing, and culturally safe reporting.⁷
- Keepers of the Circle published a report entitled "Our Sacred Responsibilities: MMIWG Calls for Justice in Impact Assessments and the Reclamation of Power and Place".⁸
- YAWC contributed to the Yukon MMIWG2S+ Strategy Annual Report released in October 2024, presenting feedback from families, evaluation data from the community, and recommendations on justice and safety service improvements. YAWC continues to monitor the implementation of the territory's 5-year strategy.⁹
- NIWA engaged in a social media campaign to support Nunavummiut exercise their right to vote in the 45th Federal Election.
- NWANWT hosted the Community Voice of the NWT workshop in Fort Simpson. This event provided a platform for community members to share their experiences, insights, and suggestions on issues affecting Indigenous women and families in the Northwest Territories. The workshop aimed to gather grassroots input to inform NWANWT's programs and advocacy efforts, ensuring that the voices of Indigenous women are central to policy development and implementation.¹⁰



⁷ Quebec Native Women. 2024. "Annual Report 2023-24". Quebec Native Women.

^{8 &}lt;u>Resources | Keepers of the Circle</u>

⁹ Second Annual Accountability Forum on Yukon's MMIWG2S+ Strategy concludes in Whitehorse | Yukon.ca

¹⁰ Community Voices of the NWT Workshop – Fort Simpson – NATIVE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF THE NWT



Action Through Programs & Support

Since June 2024, NWAC has continued to support survivors and families of MMWIG2S+ by providing and connecting individuals to navigation supports, trauma-informed engagement, and culturally safe and timely resources. Over the last year, this has come through the delivery of two programs: the "Supporting Family Justice System Providers in Facilitating Trauma-Informed and Culturally Relevant Services for Indigenous WG2STGD+ People" program and the "Support for Sexual Misconduct Survivors' program. In the Supporting Family Justice System Providers in Facilitating Trauma-Informed and Culturally Relevant Services for Indigenous WG2STGD+ People" program, NWAC is working with Justice Canada to expand culturally relevant justice-related resources to support access to justice support for Indigenous women in all their diversity.

Further, the "Support for Sexual Misconduct Survivors" program, funded by the Department of National Defence/Canadian Armed Forces, seeks to provide support to military personnel by providing access to appropriate supports. More specifically, this funding has allowed NWAC to enhance our Safe Passage resource map and develop culturally relevant and survivor-informed training materials. These initiatives are critical to supporting Indigenous women in all their diversity in accessing the resources they need to support them on their journey.

Over the last year, NWAC has supported several other programs that indirectly address the Calls for Justice. Each of the following programs seek to address the challenges faced by Indigenous women in all their diversity:

- Generation 4 Equality (G4E) Phase 2: NWAC is engaging Indigenous youth in leadership development and gender equality advocacy. Over the last year, NWAC has developed the <u>Generation for Equality:</u> <u>Applying to Post-Secondary School Toolkit</u>, to support Indigenous youth in achieving their educational goals.
- **Red Path:** Funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada, NWAC has continued to deliver programming to Indigenous women who are incarcerated or recently released. Through the program, NWAC has provided workshops on sexual health, healthy relationships, and traditional healing. These efforts not only address health and safety, areas in outlined in the Calls for Justice, but also work to reduce re-victimization and support healing journeys.





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- Indigenous Skills and Employment Training (ISET): NWAC provides Indigenous women with education, training, and job placement supports. Through ISET, NWAC empowers Indigenous women in all their diversity to participate in economic opportunities, advancing economic security and reducing vulnerability to violence.
- Indigenous Languages: Funded by Canadian Heritage, NWAC is supporting the documentation of Indigenous languages and maintaining and strengthening Indigenous languages in Canada. Through this project, NWAC continues to enhance our Library and Archives to build and accessible catalogue of Indigenous language resources. Moreover, NWAC has also delivered a variety of Indigenous language promotion activities, including hosting events/workshops for Indigenous women.
- The Water Carriers Project, led by the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) and funded by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), honours the sacred role of Indigenous women and girls, in all their gender diversity, within water governance. Rooted in Indigenous knowledge systems and guided by community leadership, this project aims to address the ongoing impacts of unsafe drinking water, failing infrastructure, and climate- and industry-driven changes to water sources across Turtle Island and Inuit Nunangat in a decolonial, self-determined manner.

Over the last year, NWAC has continued to deliver programs and services that support survivors and families of MMIWG2S+. These programs will continue to play an important role in our response moving forward. Further, NWAC continues to seek new funding opportunities to expand our programming with the goal of supporting Indigenous WG2STGD+ people across the country.





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Highlights

The Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women's (IAAW) continued work on their "Guardian Angels" project, which aims to establish "a 'communication pipeline' to local Indigenous women through women's groups across Alberta, including in northern, rural, and remote communities; engage in conversations to listen to the concerns and challenges Indigenous women; identify priorities; and build connections to services that advance the individual capacity of Indigenous women, their families, and communities by implementing actions on employment/training, poverty reduction, violence prevention and mental health & wellness".¹¹

Nova Scotia Native Women's Association (NSNWA) launched and expanded programming at the new Mi'kmaw Resiliency Centre, funded through a \$1.58 million provincial agreement 2024/2027. The centre provides trauma-informed healing services, cultural ceremonies, and weekly access to Elders and peer support for Mi'kmaw women across the province.¹²

MMVI continued its Indigenous Skills and Employment Training (ISET) services in 2024/2025, offering tuition support, career coaching, and childcare funding to help Indigenous women re-enter the workforce or pursue post-secondary education after experiencing trauma or systemic barriers.¹³

BCNWA secured funding through BC's Indigenous Prevention Fund in 2024 to support a new community-based violence prevention program. The initiative includes safety planning, cultural workshops, and community education for Indigenous women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people.¹⁴

In November 2024, YAWC received Justice Canada funding to establish a wellness hub for families of MMIWG2S+ in the Yukon that offers life skills coaching, mental health circles, traditional healing programs, and community wraparound supports.¹⁵

11 https://iaaw.ca/2024/05/16/guardian-angels-2023-2024-report



¹² Government of Nova Scotia. (Feb. 1, 2024). Funding Supports Mi'kmaw Resiliency Centre for Indigenous Women. https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20240201004

¹³ Manitoba Moon Voices Inc. (2024). Programs Overview – Indigenous Skills and Employment Training. https://manitobamoonvoices.com/projects/

¹⁴ Government of British Columbia. (June 2024). Funding for Community Projects Supports Indigenous Women. https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2024IRR0022-000675

¹⁵ Government of Canada. (Nov. 2024). Funding to Support Indigenous-Led Projects in the Yukon. https://www. canada.ca/en/department-justice/news/2024/11/funding-to-support-indigenous-led-projects-in-the-yukon.html



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The Native Women's Association of the NWT (NWANWT) continued to deliver cultural wellness programming throughout late 2024 and early 2025, including beading and mukluk making workshops designed to support Indigenous women's healing and community engagement through land-based and traditional activities.¹⁶

IAAW hosted the IgniteIndigenous Youth Empowerment and Employment Conference in Edmonton. The event was design to inspire and empower Indigenous girls and women between the ages of 21-29, preparing them to enter or re-enter the workforce with confidence and enthusiasm.



16 NWAC. (2024). MMIWG2S+ Action Plan Scorecard – PTMA Highlights. <u>https://nwac.ca/assets-documents/</u> June_3_NWAC_Scorecard_Factsheet_2024.pdf





Action Through Grassroots Engagements

The Native Women's Association of Canada is deeply rooted in grassroots engagement, working to enhance the social, economic, cultural, and political well-being of Indigenous women across Canada. More specifically, NWAC uses grassroots engagements to guide our response to the ongoing MMIWG2S+ genocide. For example, at our Annual General Assembly in September 2024 we hosted a National MMIWG2S+ Roundtable. This roundtable brought together survivors, family members, Elders, and community delegates to share their experiences and recommendations directly with NWAC's leaderships.

Since June 2024, NWAC has launched a national MMIWG2S+ Working Group to help coordinate our ongoing response to the 231 Calls for Justice. The Working Group plays an important role in integrating grassroots perspectives into our work on MMIWG2S+. The Working Group consists of an Indigenous women representative nominated from each of our PTMAs. This ultimately serves as a formal mechanism for community feedback to guide NWAC's national policy positions and action to answer the 231 Calls for Justice.

In addition to this, NWAC also:

- Actively participated in community-led ceremonies and marches to honour lost loved ones. NWAC representatives attended and supported families of Sisters in Spirit vigil on Parliament Hill on October 4, 2024, standing with survivors and families during the ceremony.
- Publicly acknowledged the importance of the annual February 14th Women's Memorial Marches across Canada, ensuring that these grassroots marches are vital for healing and remembrance.
- Launched a Red Dress Day campaign to spread awareness on the MMIWG2S+ Calls for Justice, as well as to amplify Red Dress Day events and vigils that were happening across the country.





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PTMA Highlights

- QNW in February 2025 QNW President Marjolaine Étienne issued a public statement during Red Dress Day vigils, reaffirming QNW's commitment to creating safe, culturally appropriate spaces for Indigenous women and announcing the opening of a 24/7 helpline for survivors in Quebec.¹⁷
- MMVI led advocacy around the Brady landfill search, stood alongside families, and coordinated red dress installations and media outreach to sustain public awareness.¹⁸
- BCNWA supported the 34th Annual Women's Memorial March in Vancouver by coordinating the creation of 100 ribbon skirts, empowering local women and ensuring strong visual representation of MMIWG2S+ on February 14, 2025.¹⁹
- IWWT hosted a Sisters in Spirit gathering on October 4, 2024, in collaboration with St. Thomas University. The day-long event featured a film screening, performances, and a candle-lit vigil.²⁰
- Keepers of the Circle hosted a Sisters in Spirit vigil to honour MMIWG2S+. The event featured a healing ceremony led by Timiskaming First Nation Elder and cultural educator Marilyn Chevrier Wills.²¹
- NWANWT co-hosted the "Take Back the Night" march and event that took place on September 21, 2024, in Yellowknife to stand up against gender-based violence.²²
- NSNWA hosted a May 5th Red Dress Day at the Resiliency Centre in Millbrook, Nova Scotia. The gathering provided a space for community members to come together in remembrance and solidarity, featuring



¹⁷ faq-qnw.org/en/

¹⁸ Arias Orozco, Santiago. March 26, 2025. "Advocacy group wants inquiry into initial refusal to search Manitoba landfill for victims of serial killer". CBC News.

¹⁹ Honouring Lives and Advocating Change: BC Assembly of First Nations Joins Annual Women's Memorial March for MMIWG2S+ | British Columbia Assembly of First Nations

²⁰ https://www.facebook.com/share/p/183YoSKFxV/?mibextid=wwXlfr

²¹ Keepers of the Circle honours MMIWG - The Temiskaming Speaker

²² Take Back The Night 2024 – NATIVE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF THE NWT



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Ministers and Chiefs in May 2025, Manitoba marks first National Day of Awareness for MMIWG2S+ since women's remains found at landfill

MMIWG2S+ Memorial March in Vancouver/ BCNWA Vancouver (February 2025).





activities that fostered healing and awareness.²³

Moving Forward

The Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC), together with our Provincial and Territorial Member Associations (PTMAs), has continued to take urgent, coordinated action in response to the ongoing genocide of MMIWG2S+. Through the work of national advocacy, policy development, trauma-informed programming, and grassroots mobilization, we have worked both address immediate community needs and push for lasting systemic change.

The work captured in this Scorecard reflects the depth and scope of our collective efforts, from national campaigns and survivor-informed policy submissions to healing programs, housing advocacy, and justice driven research. These efforts are deeply grounded in lived experience, cultural knowledge, and the leadership of survivors and families who continue to call for change.

As we move forward, NWAC will continue to amplify the voices of survivors, families, and grassroots leaders. We will advance accountability, uphold community driven solutions, and push for a future where Indigenous women, in all their diversity are safe respected.





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