

THE Accent

Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

PEI UPSE Supports the 2020 -21 Purple Ribbon Campaign Against Violence

The Purple Ribbon Campaign Against Violence was initiated by the PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women in 1991 to raise awareness about violence against women. *The PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women* (PEIACSW) is an arm's-length government-appointed Council. Nine Council members are selected from among Island women who have demonstrated a commitment to women's equality and who represent regional, cultural, and ethnic diversity.

"Working for gender equality for all Islanders"

For more information contact the PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women at 902-368-4510 or email info@peistatusofwomen.ca

Montreal Massacre Memorial Service (Online)

For decades, we have gathered together as a community to honour the lives of women lost to violence. This year we cannot be together physically at Memorial Hall Confederation Centre of the Arts, but we can join with others for an online video presentation. Register here: (<https://bit.ly/39fWIEa>)



We remember the 14 women murdered in Montreal in 1989 because they were women. We remember the 10 women on PEI who have been murdered by men who knew them since 1989. We remember the thousands of Indigenous women and girls who have been murdered or are missing across Canada. We mourn for everyone who is a survivor and for all those whose lives are harmed by violence. We remember, we mourn, we commit to ACT so that gender-based violence ends (*PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women*).

First mourn, then work for change

We remember 1989

31 Years Since the Montreal Massacre

What does the Advisory Council do to Support Women's Equality?

The Council promotes changes of attitude and encourages discussion within the PEI community about issues affecting women. The Council also advises government to achieve equality in legislation, policies and programs.

The Council:

- *Advises the minister responsible for the status of women about issues affecting Island women and girls and their families;*
- *Promotes social justice for vulnerable populations – senior, low income, Aboriginal, or Francophone women; women of colour; women who identify as LGBTQ, and others;*
- *Conducts research and reviews policies and laws affecting women, reporting results to government and other interested parties;*
- *Stimulates public awareness about the status of women and their families through education and leadership;*
- *Works with organizations and groups who promote women's equality; and*
- *Collaborates with advisory councils across Canada.*

Support the Person

Instead of ...

Did that really happen?

Why didn't you say anything earlier?

Support Survivors by Saying ...

I believe you.

I'm sorry this happened to you.

How do I contact the PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women?

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