

May Land Acknowledgement

We extend our gratitude to the First Nations, Inuit, and Metis peoples across Turtle Island for their stewardship of this land.

As women of CFUW, it is our responsibility to acknowledge the history of this land and to explore and challenge our own relationships to that history.

May 5th is National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2 Spirit People. also known as Red Dress Day.

May 16 is Moose Hide Day, a grassroots campaign day. It recognizes that all forms of violence are unacceptable, regardless of gender. There is a disproportionate number of women who are victims and it is important to engage men and boys in addressing this issue. We know that "shame and blame" is not the answer. Domestic violence is preventable.

In many Indigenous cultures on Turtle Island, Moose Hide is considered medicine. The pins, which you have been given, are like medicine for a social ailment in our society. When you wear a Moose Hide pin, it becomes a cause for discussion. You are telling others of the goal to end gender based violence. Together we are making a change.

Looking for more information?

1. National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women And Girls - <https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/home-page/>
2. A New Leaf - A New Leaf's Sexual & Domestic Violence programs are dedicated to providing any survivor of sexual or domestic violence with the choice and ability to leave. A New Leaf's Family Support services improve household stability and help families create better relationships between parents and children. - <https://turnanewleaf.org/>
3. Working to bring Justice - <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/remains-morgan-harris-indigenous-woman-serial-killer-landfill-canada/>
4. History of Indigenous Art in Canada - <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/aboriginal-art-in-canada>
5. Alberta artist's paintings of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women help families heal - <https://globalnews.ca/news/6621401/alberta-artist-mmiw-women-not-invisible/>