

BULLETIN

December 6: Ending violence against women

December 2, 2011

December 6 marks the anniversary of the Montréal massacre of 14 young women at the École Polytechnique.

Violence against women continues to be a serious issue in Canada:

• An estimated 60% of Canadian women have suffered from physical or psychological violence at some time in their lives.

• In 2007, nearly 40,200 incidents of spousal violence were reported to police. This represents 12% of all police-reported violent crime in Canada.

• Between April 1, 2007 and March 31, 2008, approximately 101,000 women and children were admitted to 569 shelters in Canada.

As health science and community social service professionals, many of us see the effects of violence against women every day.

We are the sonographers, X-ray, MRI and CT techs taking medical images of ruptured organs and broken bones.

We are the social workers counselling the women as they are admitted in the emergency room.

We are the rehabilitation therapists working with the women as they recover from their injuries.

We are the community workers who see women struggling to hold their families together as they try to cope with the violence in their homes.

And we are the transition house workers who help give shelter, counselling, and comfort to women and children as they flee dangerous domestic situations.

Anne Davis, Chair of HSA's new Women's Committee, is asking for your help in raising awareness of December 6 at your facility. "Occupational Health & Safety Stewards across BC will be distributing December 6 awareness stickers," she said. "Please watch for a postcard display & poster on the union bulletin board at your facility."

Davis also encourages members to take part in vigils and ceremonies to reaffirm our commitment to ending violence against women.

If you know of an event in your community that is not listed below, please contact Yukie Kurahashi at ykurahashi@hsabc.org. Check HSA's website at www.hsabc.org for updates to this schedule of events.

December 3, 2011

Event: Annual "Shoe Memorial" of empty women's shoes; a card inside each one provides information about a woman who has died as a result of male violence against women

Place: Plaza in front of Comox Valley Art Gallery, Comox

Time: 10am-4pm

December 6, 2011

Event: BC Federation of Labour Womens Breakfast

Place: Burnaby Firefighters Club, 6515 Bonsor Ave, Burnaby

Time: 7:30am-9am

Info: 604.430.1421

Event: Candlelight vigil

Place: Lawn of Courtenay Court House

Time: 7pm

Event: Candlelight vigil

Place: Grounds of BC Legislature, Victoria

Time: 5pm-6pm

Please bring: donation item to local womens organizations

Event: Candlelight vigil

Place: Holland Park, Surrey

Time: 6:30-8pm

Please bring: donation item for local womens organizations

Event: Candlelight vigil

Place: Centre for Excellent, OUC Penticton Campus, Penticton

Time: 3pm-8pm

Please bring: winter clothing, toiletry items, childrens games

Event: Shoe Memorial

Place: St. Andrew on the Square, 159 Seymour Street, Kamloops

Time: 10am-2pm

Event: Candlelight Walk

Place: Springvalley Elementary to Mindy Tran Memorial

Time: 6:30pm-8pm

Event: Self-defence workshop

Place: Sundance Martial Arts, 2905A 43rd Ave, Vernon

Time: 5pm

Event: Candlelight vigil

Place: CAW Union Hall, 326 12th Street, New Westminster

Time: 7pm

Event: Public education & outreach by Women Against Violence Against Women

Place: North side of Vancouver Art Gallery facing Georgia Street

Time: 11am-1pm

Event: Honouring ceremony for Metis women

Place: Aboriginal Friendship Centre, 1607 East Hastings Street, Vancouver

Time: 2pm-5pm

Event: Commemoration, presentations from violence prevention programs, & open floor discussion

Place: Trail United Church Hall

Time: 5:30pm

December 8, 2011

Event: Breakfast to Celebrate Activism Against Gender Violence

Place: Segal School of Business, 500 Granville

Time: 7am to 9am

Info: 778.782.3593 to buy tickets

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