

MMIWG2S+ Resources for non-Indigenous Allies

First and foremost, we want to acknowledge and hold space for all people from marginalized genders who are impacted on this day. We acknowledge that the Memorial March and gendered violence impacts trans women and gender non conforming community, exponentially. Furthermore, we want to recognize the impacts of gendered violence on Black women, especially Black trans women. Additionally, we want to recognize the gendered impacts of violence on migrant/newcomer women in our communities. There is no scarcity in care, no scarcity in solidarity, and no scarcity in mourning. We understand that this day can weigh heavy on us all. This resource is created with non-Indigenous allies in mind, and can be used as a starting off point in self education around violence against Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit peoples. Additionally, it will provide information around gendered violence, the Memorial March, and ways you can support beyond February 14th.



IF YOU NEED SUPPORT

Connect with Lauren Casey, SVPRO (<https://svpro.ubc.ca/team/#lauren>)

If you, or someone you know, has been impacted by MMIWG2S or any form of sexualized violence (assault, harassment, harm, etc.), you can access support and resources as a member of the UBC community at SVPRO. Our Indigenous Support Specialist, Lauren Casey, is available to support you with academics, safety planning, emergency funding/housing, referrals to counselling and more. Additionally, Lauren can connect you with community resources in Vancouver and/or your community. SVPRO is an intersectional, decolonial, inclusive space. All genders and sexualities are welcome. Connecting with SVPRO is not making a report to the university. If that is something you would like to explore, we can support you in doing so.

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[Identity Specific Resources](#)

5 DOS & DON'TS FOR ALLIES

Consider this list as a quick rundown of what you should not do on February 14th and beyond.

1. **Honour boundaries.** Do not ask anyone if they are personally impacted.
2. **Think before you post.** Do not post images or text that is centered on gratuitous Indigenous trauma.
3. **Educate yourself.** Do not ask Indigenous people to educate you on MMIWG2S+.
4. **Be intentional with your words.** Do not make empty statements of support. Show up in support: march, donate, volunteer.
5. **Respect privacy and capacity.** Do not make Indigenous people process your feelings around MMIWG2S+ with you.

CONTINUING SUPPORT

Consider ongoing donations to organizations in the community, such as:

[Helping Spirit Lodge Society](#), [UNYA](#), [DEWC](#), [VANDU](#), [PACE](#), [SWAN](#), [Aboriginal Mothers Centre](#), amongst others.

These are just a few options for ongoing donations. It's important to remember that gendered violence goes beyond February 14th and has ongoing impacts on many different, often intersecting, communities.

RESOURCES

[Vancouver Sex Workers Rights Collective - Written Submission to the National Inquiry into MMIWG2S+](#)

[Red Women Rising: Indigenous Women Survivors in the Downtown East Side](#)

[MMIWG2S+ Calls for Justice from the MMIWG Final Report](#)

[this river - a short film by Kyle Kematch and Katherena Vermette on the experience of looking for a missing loved one.](#)

[UBC Library guide on books and media on MMIWG2S+](#)

[Walking With Our Sisters - Artwork and Film](#)

[Jamie Black's REDress Project](#)

[Love, Land, & Spirit - Podcast on community, connection, and culture.](#)