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# GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

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Gender-based violence is a reality that affects Canadians of a variety of identities, including individuals who are Indigenous, LGBTQ+, a visible minority, disabled, of a lower socioeconomic status, and many other social identities. Additionally, Canadians between the ages of 15 to 34 are most at risk (Statistics Canada, 2015). During The Canada We Want Conference, youth came from across the country to share their opinions, ideas, and personal stories related to gender-based violence in order to address this problem that takes place on both the individual and systemic level. Through building a safe space and working collaboratively, the gender-based violence theme team has designed several recommendations to address gender-based violence, as well as support survivors and empower them.



Gender-based Violence Theme Group

## SUMMARY

Our team spent countless hours working towards having open discussions about problems of gender-based violence that affect many Canadians today. Through examining these issues, several recommendations were created in order to change systematic and individual beliefs that may lead to such acts.

Topics related to healthy teen relationships, missing and murdered Indigenous women, LGBTQ+ rights, and consent and sexual health awareness form the basis of this report. Our team hopes that these suggestions will be used to help survivors heal and make the Canada we want!

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# #CANADA WE WANT

## *The change we want to see:*

No victim blaming / Ne blâmer pas la victime  
Acceptance of LGBTQ+ / L'acceptation de LGBTQ+  
Healthy youth relationships / Relations saines des jeunes  
Less sexual assault / Moins de violence sexuelle  
No more murdered or missing Indigenous women / Moins des femmes Autochtones disparues ou assassinées

## *The way we want to get there (Activities):*

More LGBTQ+ education / Plus d'éducation  
Safes spaces for survivors of violence / Les zones de confort pour les survivants de la violence

## *The way we want to get there (Activities):*

More education on social media / Plus d'éducation à travers les média sociaux  
National Sexual Health Week / La Semaine Nationale de la Santé Sexuelle

## *The way we want to get there (Activities):*

Sharing circles for youth / Des cercles de partage  
Mandatory workshops on consent / Les ateliers obligatoires

## *What we need to get there (Resources):*

Government support / Soutien gouvernemental  
Educational reform / Une réforme de l'éducation

## *The way we want to get there (Resources):*

Social Media / Média Sociaux  
Funding / Aide Financière  
Parental support / Soutien des parents

## *What are the values and the principles to ground our recommendations?*

Respect / Respect  
Acceptance / Acceptation

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Healing / Guérison  
Security / Sécurité