

## Because I am a woman in the NWT...

- I volunteer in the community to help make it a better place to live
- I encourage my family members to find equal viewpoints in their experiences whether they are female or male.
- I believe strongly in community-based solutions
- My community and its members are resources, not necessarily the social institutions
- I work with many strong women who are great role models who teach me things that I can pass onto my children
- I put time in the community to assist at political and leadership roles to assist women to become stronger and have a greater voice at any level in the community (a learning process)
- I am aware of the large difference in our cultures but am excited by the openness and sharing of our knowledge
- I have a voice
- I too have a voice
- I learnt we need to work together as people, not by gender or Race
- I can work to make change with all people
- I believe that children need to be cared for and that should be an economic priority
- I believe that the concept of condition & position needs to be considered in every policy consideration
- I care about realities in all the NWT communities for women and girls
- Foster children (need more recognition including education) traditional knowledge & skills
- I am inspired by those women who came before me to do something for those who come after
- I have a responsibility to pass on knowledge learned and to share with others the benefits of the opportunities I have been given
- I am responsible to use my gifts & talents to assist others in their walk, but also to respect and support others that are in leadership
- I will work with women to help realize their potential & dreams & ambitions & careers
- I have a unique opportunity to work at making a difference for the people in my community. I appreciate and accept this challenge
- I am proud of where and who I am and respect where and I came from and all the hard work of all who came before me; they gave me the opportunity to have free speech.
- I feel there should be more gender based equality for women on social services and under a housing subsidy Authority – eg. Some rights women don't have as persons who pay full rent
- I can make changes in my home, my community by uniting as women of the NWT and speak up on issues affecting the change we want to see
- I can help the next generation learn to respect one another for the people they are and recognize the issues which affect them.
- I have equal opportunity for public services jobs as per the GNWT's affirmative action policy
- I have a right to make changes in my life & my family

- I expect women's organizations to speak up & speak out on our behalf
- I can help others in the NWT help each other to better ourselves & take on more responsible positions.
- I enjoy opportunities that I wouldn't have elsewhere
- I received educational & Employment opportunities that would not have been available otherwise
- No man is my superior but my equal
- I have an equal voice
- I can overcome obstacles and become a leader in my community
- I am expected to make due with current policies ie: foster families are few and are not supported enough in terms of compensation. Often the women go over and above for caring for foster children because of the level of compensation there are few foster homes and may not be the safest. This needs to change!...