



Status of Women Council of the NWT

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Annual Vigil for the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women and Girls

YELLOWKNIFE - The Status of Women Council of the NWT is preparing for the December 6th National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women and Girls.

December 6, 2012, marks the 23rd anniversary of what came to be known as the Montreal Massacre. Events are held throughout the country to remember the 14 women who were killed and all women who have suffered violence in their lives because they were women. We welcome you on this day to join us in remembering those we have lost and take action by declaring that violence against women will not be tolerated.

The vigil will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 6th at the Salvation Army. A light meal will be provided with opening remarks from the Honourable Premier and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, Honourable Bob McLeod. Donations will be accepted on behalf of local women's shelters, receipts for donations over \$20. The YWCA will be handing out information regarding the rose campaign and members from the White Ribbon Campaign will be handing out ribbons asking men to come take the pledge of non-violence towards women.

The 2012 December 6th Vigil is hosted by the Status of Women Council of the NWT. Sponsored by the Northern Territories Federation of Labour, and the Salvation Army with support from committee members from the GNWT Department of Health & Social Services, Victim Services, YWCA, Centre for Northern Families, the White Ribbon Campaign and FAFIA.

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