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National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls & 2SLGBTQQIA+ People

On October 4th, the Feast Centre for Indigenous STBBI Research joins the National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people (MMIWG2S). This day is dedicated to raising awareness and seeking justice for those affected by violence and discrimination.

We honour the lives of Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ individuals, families and communities impacted. It's a time to reflect on the 231 Calls for Justice from the National Inquiry into MMIWG, which highlight the root causes of this violence, such as, colonialism, racism, and sexism.

It is not just about reflection—it's also about taking action. On this day, communities hold vigils, marches, and educational events. By participating in these events, advocating for policy changes, and supporting Indigenous-led initiatives, we can work towards a future where all Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people are safe, respected, and valued.

At the Feast Centre, we believe that good research is essential to this effort. Here's how we approach it:

- Recognition of Indigenous Knowledge: Support the use of Indigenous knowledge systems in STBBI research.
- Ensure Cultural Safety: Work to create environments where Indigenous peoples feel respected and safe, free from discrimination and judgment.
- Support Indigenous Voices: Prioritize sources and voices from Indigenous communities, ensuring our research is grounded in their lived experiences.
- Take Action: Support the development of Indigenous knowledge translation products and processes that accelerate the uptake and implementation of evidence to policies, programs and practices.

We strive to create meaningful and respectful research that supports the health and well-being of Indigenous communities.

Resources:

Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls: https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People National Action Plan: https://mmiwg2splus-nationalactionplan.ca/

National Family and Survivors Circle: https://familysurvivorscircle.ca/

Federal Pathway Annual Progress Report: https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/

