Violence Against Women — Causes and Cures

Panel of 6 women — Monday September 22, 2014 — 6 pm to 8:15 pm

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Moderator: Qais Ghanem, Dialogue with Diversity, 613-265-4654 — Part of the Ottawa Peace Festival

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1. Violence in Our Language – Misogyny's License, by Shahla Khan Salter

Lawyer, feminist, and contributor to *Huffington Post Canada* and *Reader Supported News*. Director, Universalist Muslims, Canada non-profit. Goals: egalitarian understandings of Islam, Muslims and Universal human rights and connecting diverse people; spread harmony and peace. Mother of three, Ottawa.



2. Female Genital Mutilation, by Merertu Frissa

Bachelor degree, Anthropology & Sociology, University of Concordia, Montréal. Masters degree, Globalization and International Development, University of Ottawa. Senior Diversity and Inclusion Specialist, for private firm. Extensive knowledge and experience with female genital mutilation (FGM), female circumcision.



3. Violence against Women in Asia, by Kathy Bose

Writer, editor, advocate for human rights of women around the world. Former research analyst, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada. 11-year member of Zonta Club of Ottawa. Zonta International consulates with the UN Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, advances the status of women, and funds women's programs in 57 countries.



4. Violence Against Indigenous Women, by Vicky Chief

TImiskaming First Nation, Algonquin descent, King Fisher Clan. Studied Early Childhood Education and Preschool and Primary teaching. Educational Assistant, 6 years. Ottawa resident, 8 years. Working with Aboriginal youth, 4 years. Part time at Oshki Kizis Lodge (VAW shelter for Aboriginal women and children). STORM (Sex Trade Outreach Mobile) outreach team, 1 year, promoting safety among women in the sex trade.



5. Rape as a Weapon of War, by Ute Gerbrandt

Member, Ottawa-based Canadians for Human Rights in Congo, supporting Heritiers de la Justice, a Women's Legal Clinic aiding raped women around Bukavu, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Visited DRC Bukavu Panzi Hospital which aids raped women. 30+ years international development with Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and NGOs, travelling in Africa, extensive experience in sexually related programs.



6. Death of a Thousand Small Cuts, by Sylvia Laale

Organizational Development consultant, 30 years. Past 3 years, CEO, The Transformation Alliance Inc., dedicated to healing mind/body/heart/spirit through SoulSourcing, Cranio-Sacral Therapy, Visceral/Fascial Release. Life Transformation Facilitator, 35 years. Single parent of 3 for 44 years. Grandmother of 2 for 5 years. Eternal learner, lover, laugher, thriver, elder for 69 years. Education, University of Toronto.