

Shift: The Project to End Domestic Violence, Faculty of Social Work

Dear Subscriber,

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter for ***Shift: The Project to End Domestic Violence***. We'll be sharing this publication with you every four months so you can stay up to date on news and developments, including upcoming events.

We appreciate your feedback, so if you have any questions or suggestions, we hope to hear from you. We'd also love it if you could share this newsletter with colleagues, friends and family members!

I want to sincerely thank you for your support and continued commitment as we work towards our shared goals of preventing violence and advancing gender equality.

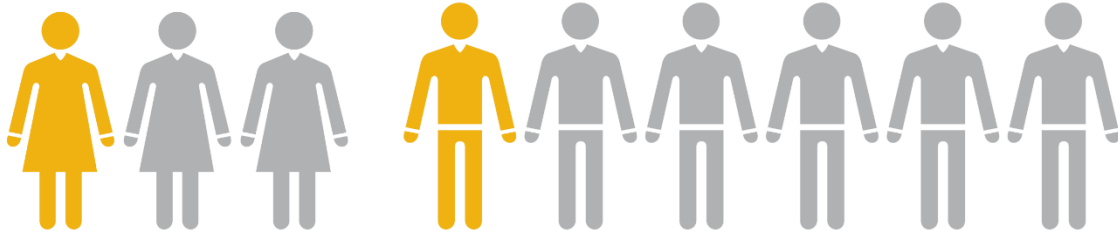
With kind regards,

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A call for reparative and transformative approaches to sexual violence



1 in 3 Women
(Statistics Canada 2006)

1 in 6 Men
(Dube et al 2005)

WILL EXPERIENCE SOME KIND OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN THEIR LIFETIMES

**YOUNGER
WOMEN ARE
ESPECIALLY
AT RISK**



47%

WOMEN
15-24
experienced sexual assault

(Conroy and Cotter 2017)



39%

WOMEN
UNDER 16
experienced sexual assault

(Statistics Canada 2006)

The #MeToo and #TimesUp movements have brought the pervasiveness of sexual violence into the spotlight along with complex questions about healing and justice. **Shift** responded by designing a [case and proposal](#) for new approaches to sexual violence that address injustice, promote healing and prevent further violence. Working closely with the [Association of Alberta Sexual Assault Services](#), we co-hosted a meeting with 44 diverse participants from across Canada, all of whom are interested in promoting this approach. We're calling on funders, policy makers and community-based organizations to fund, implement and test these new approaches. If you'd like to get involved, please email me directly at lmwells@ucalgary.ca.

Engaging men and boys in violence prevention and gender equality

In February 2019 *Shift* partnered with the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters to bring leading researcher, educator, and activist Dr. Michael Flood to Alberta. Internationally renowned for his work on the involvement of boys and men in preventing violence against women, Flood shared evidence-based primary prevention approaches with government, community and activists. Read our stories on engaging men and boys in violence prevention [here](#) and [here](#).



Research and Engagement



Shelter 2.0: Advancing innovations in women's shelters and domestic violence systems

Shift worked closely with the [Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter](#), [YWCA Calgary](#) and Turner Strategies to produce the [Shelter 2.0 Discussion Paper](#). To find out more about how shelters and the domestic violence sector can enhance their role in preventing and ending violence, read our [update here](#).



Shift recommends strategies to support and engage Calgary men across the prevention continuum

Shift completed a research project to identify how social service agencies and funders can enhance programs and supports for men across the prevention continuum – including victims, perpetrators, allies and advocates. Read our story [here](#).

Shift in the news

Lana Wells highlights link between Valentine's Day and domestic Violence

The link between Valentine's Day and higher rates of domestic violence in Calgary was the subject of a recent media interview with Lana Wells, Associate Professor and Brenda Strafford Chair in the Prevention of Domestic Violence at the University of Calgary. Read the story [here](#).



Advancing healthy youth relationships and social justice

Shift hosted a symposium series in partnership with the University of Calgary's Werklund School of Education, to build the capacity of future educators and social workers to promote healthy youth relationships. Read our story [here](#).

Upcoming Research



Engaging pro-feminist men on advancing gender equality in Canada

In December 2018, **Shift** received funding from the Government of Canada to conduct a national study on *Insights and Reflections from Men about Supporting Gender Equality in Canada*. We are in the process of interviewing over 30 diverse men from across Canada who occupy or have occupied positions of influence and/or authority, and who, through their conduct and actions, have demonstrated a genuine commitment to gender equality through the advancement of women's rights and gender equity. Stay tuned for the results in Summer 2019.

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