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Women's forum will focus on interpersonal violence at work, home and in community

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon Advisory Council on Women's Issues (YACWI) and the Liard Aboriginal Women Society (LAWS) are co-presenting this year's YACWI forum for women, which is themed *"Beyond Violence: Responding to interpersonal violence at work and in the home and community."*

"Violence against women affects everyone and therefore requires collective action," minister responsible for the Women's Directorate Elaine Taylor said. "Investing in the women's forum builds on Yukon government's commitment to explore creative solutions collaboratively to respond to violence against women in the North."

The annual forum is for women from all Yukon communities, and will take place September 12-13 at the Westmark Whitehorse Hotel. The forum will offer opportunities for developing shared understanding and collective action to address violence in all its forms – in the home, at work and in the community.

"The purpose of the Forum is to support Yukon women to network, share responses and resistance to violence, brainstorm ways of providing positive social responses to others and explore ways of challenging abusive behaviour at work, in the home, and in the community context," YACWI chair Kim Solonick said.

Doctors Cathy Richardson and Allan Wade from the Centre for Response-Based Practice in British Columbia, leading specialists in the practice of response-based approaches to dealing with violence, will present keynote addresses and lead discussions.

"Community leaders working towards solutions for justice in Yukon communities will outline examples of projects and processes underway here in Yukon", executive director of LAWS Ann Maje Raider said. "They will join in discussions and networking sessions to generate new and creative ideas, hope, confidence, peer-to-peer connections, networks and resilience for responding to violent situations."

Funded by the Women's Directorate and the Community Development Fund, the forum is free and open to all Yukon women.

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