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Campaign to end violence against women receives crime prevention funding

WHITEHORSE—The Crime Prevention Victim Services Trust Fund is providing more than \$9,000 to Les EssentiElles for its 12 Days to End Violence Against Women campaign. Four other organizations will also share more than \$57,000 for projects that address justice and community safety.

"I'd like to thank community groups throughout the territory including Les EssentiElles for continuing to deliver programs and projects that make Yukon a safer place for all citizens," Minister of Justice Brad Cathers said. "In solidarity with 12 Days to End Violence, I encourage men to wear a white ribbon and to pledge to never commit or condone violence against women and girls."

The 12 Days to End Violence Against Women campaign runs from November 25 to December 6. Events such as film screenings, discussion panels, demonstrations and presentations will take place at locations throughout Whitehorse.

"The rate of violent crime against women in Yukon is four times higher than the national average, which makes initiatives like this all the more crucial," Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate Elaine Taylor said. "The 12 Days campaign has become an important and unifying annual event, and we are pleased to provide this funding."

The Crime Prevention Victim Services Trust Fund is awarded twice a year to eligible projects that are intended to reduce crime, prevent violence against women and children, address the root causes of crime, provide services and information to victims of crime, or provide information about crime prevention and victimization.

"Violence against women affects the whole community," Les EssentiElles president Marie-Stéphanie Gasse said. "Each one of us knows a friend, a family member, or colleague of a victim or an abuser. With this project we are bringing Monique Lépine, the mother of the man who killed 14 women at École Polytechnique in 1989, to the territory to speak of hope and how together we can create a ripple effect of change to end violence against women."

Other recipients of the Crime Prevention Victim Services Trust Fund's fall funding cycle include Blood Ties - Four Directions Centre, the Yukon Association for Community Living, the Gwaandak Theatre Society and Mothers Against Drunk Driving Whitehorse Chapter.

The next application deadline is 4:30 p.m. on February 15, 2016.

Learn more:
12 Days to End Violence Against Women
Crime Prevention Victim Services Trust Fund or call 867-667-8746 (toll free 1-800-661-0408 ext. 8746)

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Fall 2015 Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Fund recipients

Les EssentiElles was awarded \$9,103 for the annual 12 Days to End Violence Against Women Campaign.

This year's campaign focuses how everyone is impacted by violence against women, and our responses to that violence. Campaign events will include film screenings, discussion panels, public demonstrations and other activities including several public presentations by Monique Lepine (mother of Marc Lepine) about her son and how his decision to be violent has impacted her family.

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Blood Ties Four Directions Centre will receive \$10,000 for the Justice Navigation: Creating New Paths Project.

This project is intended for adult men and women and will offer workshops facilitated by Randall Tetlichy on traditional justice systems and healing, and will include a sweat ceremony. As well, a justice navigator will provide support services to help clients realize their goals for health, work and life, and will provide transportation and accompaniment to appointments for employment, counselling and other services.

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Yukon Association for Community Living will receive \$31,184 for the Safe and Healthy Sexuality for our Community project.

This project will host a conference for professionals who work with people with intellectual disabilities on healthy sexuality, rights and responsibilities, parents' perspective, legal consequences, best practices and challenges. A consultant will be hired to provide individual sessions and a monthly parent group to discuss concerns and develop a support network. The project also plans to develop resources on sexual health for the Yukon community and agencies through a website, resource library and presentation materials.

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Gwaandak Theatre Society was awarded \$10,000 for its "Exploring Justice" Play Readings Project.

Gwaandak Theatre will be presenting public readings for youth and adults in several Yukon communities and in Yukon schools of new plays with justice themes by Yukon playwrights. The goal of the project is to raise and discuss issues aimed at promoting community building and healing.

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Mothers Against Drunk Driving Whitehorse Chapter was awarded \$6,000 toward MADD Canada School Assembly Program – 24 Hours.

A specially trained MADD Canada representative will present the 24 Hours video at Yukon high schools. A kit that contains resources for further classroom discussion will be left at the schools for use by classroom teachers. A portion of the funding is designated to support the program in two or more rural Yukon schools.

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