



CANADIAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN  
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### **Invitation: To Participate in a Facilitated Discussion about Gender Justice for ALL!**

Knowledge that supports gender justice emerging from the perspectives of women and allies from diverse communities needs to be more fully understood and respected across all sectors in Canada.

CFUW-Ottawa and its members are invited to add your voices to those of women and allies from across the country, reminding all Canadians that what women have to say matters to gender justice and well-being for everyone. All participation is voluntary.

The purpose of this research is to draw on the expertise of diverse women and allies from across the country, outlining their perspectives on setting responsible civic, regional, national and international policy agendas. The research program will utilize a simple, ethically approved “Intersections Café” focus group research model to be facilitated by CRIAW-ICREF researchers, in cooperation with community-based organizations. Every effort will be made to gather as diverse a representation of Canadian women’s voices as possible in the study as a whole. The results will be widely distributed to women-centred community groups, political parties, and political candidates and bureaucrats at all levels of government.

**If you are interested in participating, please attend a focus group of CFUW-Ottawa members on May 20 from 6:00-8:00 pm at 3191 Riverside Dr. The research is being conducted independently of CFUW-Ottawa, and your relationship with CFUW-Ottawa will not be affected should you decide not to participate in this focus group.**

**If you want to attend, please contact Caroline Flocari - [cflocari@criaw-icref.ca](mailto:cflocari@criaw-icref.ca) by May 12.**

Focus group members will be invited to complete a questionnaire that includes anonymous but vital demographic information (to confirm inclusive representation) and their responses to established questions, after the discussion. With permission of participants, discussions of the group will be audio-recorded, to obtain themed quotations for the report.

The objective will be to get a broad representative sample from each province. Data will be analyzed to clarify general themes, as well as to show regional trends, responses reflecting the interests of affinity groups (such as Indigenous women, women with disabilities, queer women, young women, older women, and to indicate ways that Canadians can act in solidarity with one another in establishing benchmarks for substantive, inclusive gender equity and best practices in responsible representative governance.

Participants will have access to the final reports through CFUW-Ottawa and by consulting the CRIAW-ICREF web page, [www.criaw-icref.ca](http://www.criaw-icref.ca). No remuneration is provided. For more information, please contact: Caroline Flocari at [cflocari@criaw-icref.ca](mailto:cflocari@criaw-icref.ca) or Professor Ann Denis at [adenis@uottawa.ca](mailto:adenis@uottawa.ca) or Charlotte Rigby at [crigby@videotron.ca](mailto:crigby@videotron.ca).