



Canadian Federation of University Women – Ottawa

Capital Carillon

March General Meeting

DATE: March 12, 2012
 TIME: 7:30 p.m.
 PLACE: St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church, 2400 Alta Vista Dr.
 SPEAKERS: Katharine Kelly, Director, Pauline Jewett Institute of Women's and Gender Studies and Clerk of Senate, Carleton University and Niamh O'Shea, 2010-11 CFUW-Ottawa Ruth Bell Centennial Scholarship Recipient
 TOPIC: CFUW-Ottawa Scholarship Trust Fund (STF) Awards and Administration



Please join the CFUW-Ottawa Scholarship Trust Fund Trustees at the annual CFUW-Ottawa Scholarship evening. Hear

Dr. Katharine Kelly speak about the Pauline Jewett Institute and the value of CFUW-Ottawa awards to students at Carleton. Katharine is an Associate Professor and has worked at Carleton since 1988. She is the co-author with Dr. Mark Totten of *Children Who Kill* – a life course study of youth convicted of homicide. She has also written extensively on community-based activities under the neoliberal shift and has worked in the area of conflict resolution for the past 10 years. Her current work includes research on the use of non-violence training with inmates convicted

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WILMA CLAPHAM

Enthusiasm for CFUW-Ottawa activities has been evident as the Club heads into the second half of the 2011-12 Club year. Study groups have planned informative and interesting meetings, the two General Meeting speakers generated questions and discussion, and members are talking about plans for the upcoming CFUW, CFUW Ontario Council, and CFUW-Ottawa meetings and AGMs.

Your Board has been hard at work too! The 2012 Bylaws which were adopted at the Feb. 6 General Meeting, were examined and the wording debated by the members of the Board at the Jan. 16 Meeting. Thanks are due to the Bylaws Committee and the Board for doing a thorough job!

Completion of planning for the last few months of the 2011-12 Club year and the smooth transition to the 2012-13 Club year was the order of business at the Jan. 30 Potluck and Board Meeting. There was lots of progress, and lots of fun, at this meeting!

The following is a summary of a few of the decisions:

1. Annual Report – The report will be on the website and the write-ups will be brief. Members attending the AGM will receive a hard copy and several copies will be deposited in the Archives.
2. Mailbox – Effective May 1, the mailbox address will be changed

and the new address will be publicized in the Club and posted on the website. It will also be in the Brochure and Directory for the coming year.

3. Registration Evening – Plans are underway to make this event primarily for “meeting and greeting” and signing up for Study and Interest Groups.
4. The Board reaffirmed the policy that CFUW-Ottawa is a “commercial-free zone”.

This policy protects members from feeling that attendance at a CFUW-Ottawa meeting carries an implication to support a member's business or favourite charity/issue.

As spring approaches, you will hear more about the changes for 2012-13. In the meantime, enjoy all the CFUW-Ottawa, CFUW-Ontario and CFUW events!

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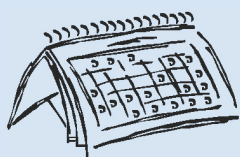
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of violent crimes and transition programs for youth in conflict with the law.

Niamh O'Shea will speak about her activities in the past year and how much the Centennial Scholarship has helped her studies. STF Trustees anticipate a good turnout from this year's scholarship winners and will present the students with framed certificates. Baked goods and refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

**SAVE THE DATE!
REGISTER EARLY!**

CFUW-OTTAWA AGM & DINNER



Tuesday, May 8, 2012 6 p.m.

Restaurant International
Algonquin College

Registration Fee: **\$35**
Deadline: April 24, 2012

Register online at
www.cfuw-ottawa.org/events

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From the CFUW-Ottawa Environmental Toxins and
Health Study Group

Lets make our meals BPA-free!

Bisphenol-A or BPA is one of the most widely produced chemicals in the world and is used in thousands of products and processes. We encounter it every day in hard polycarbonate plastic bottles and dishware (they are the ones with #7 PC in the embossed recycling logo).

BPA is a serious health concern, because it is an endocrine disruptor that mimics the female hormone estrogen. Infants and young children are especially vulnerable to its effects: disruptions to their hormonal systems affect normal development and set the stage for serious later-life diseases, such as estrogen-dependent cancers. In a well-publicized 2009 decision, Health Canada banned the importation and sale of polycarbonate baby bottles containing BPA.

BPA is also a component of the white epoxy linings used in food cans. BPA leaches from the lining into the food, especially prepared soups and meals that are high in fat, salt, and/or acid (including many products like soups and pasta meals regularly consumed by children). Those who routinely use canned soups, sauces, pastas and similar products, may ingest high levels of BPA on a daily basis.

WHAT WE CAN DO

The American Breast Cancer Fund has mounted a campaign to educate the

public and eliminate exposure to BPA. Among their suggestions:

1. Whenever possible, use fresh, frozen or dried fruits and vegetables to replace canned products;
2. Look for canned vegetables like baked beans that have "BPA-free" on the label (yes, some companies are already using safety-tested alternatives!);
3. Replace canned "convenience/comfort" foods like ravioli or spaghetti with home-made or frozen meals. Choose soups, juices and processed vegetables that are available in Tetra-pak cartons (Tetra-paks are BPA-free);
4. In a restaurant, ask your server if the meal you ordered contains canned food. Servers should have this information; and,
5. Support efforts to convince companies to eliminate BPA from their products – especially canned soups and pasta meals designed and marketed for children.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.breastcancerfund.org/big-picture-solutions/make-our-products-safe/cans-not-cancer/

Reflections on a Quarter Century of Nurturing Community Philanthropy

Barbara McInnes, President and CEO, Community Foundation of Ottawa, was the guest speaker at our Feb. 6 General Meeting. The Foundation is a public non-profit organization that connects donors who care with causes that will have an enduring impact on the community. Barbara said her passion is community. She enjoys getting to know the community in order to strategically place the philanthropic dollars.

The Community Foundation of Ottawa was established in 1987 when a few community members raised \$25,000 which soon grew to \$5 million. Barbara's father was one of the founding members who suggested that she take over the leadership of the Foundation in 1991. As President and CEO, Barbara has seen the Foundation's as-

sets grow to \$90 million. Seven hundred funds have been established by families, individuals and local organizations. Each fund has a name and a personality. Some 450 charities receive grants. About \$60 million have been given away over the last 25 years. The School Breakfast Program is an excellent example of a Foundation initiative which, twenty-two years after its formation, benefits 11,000 students in 148 schools. More recently, the Foundation assisted the Alliance to End Homelessness when it lost its funding.

This year, the Foundation is celebrating its Silver Anniversary and looking forward to the next 25 years. Its motto "For good...forever" has been expanded to "First 25 years of forever." The Foundation plans to put money into

impact investment to garner social as well as financial returns. The money could provide bridging financing for arts organizations and mortgages for subsidized housing. A Circle Program for friends of community foundations will be unveiled at a special ceremony to mark the anniversary.

Barbara mentioned that, while the Foundation covers the City of Ottawa, it is connected with foundations in Perth and Brockville, and is hoping to establish foundations in Almonte and Gatineau. She briefly talked about the Transatlantic Community Foundation Network and her experiences visiting European countries to help them form their own Foundations.

Jill Moll

Program Convenor

Registration

Full registration: \$95 on or before April 15 or \$115 after April 15.
Saturday only registration: \$85
Registrar: Rosemary Campbell jr1campbell@sympatico.ca
416.231.2292
Registration form and information online: www.cfuwontocouncil.ca or www.cfuwetobicoke.ca

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CFUW ONTARIO COUNCIL
2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & CONFERENCE

Location

Hampton Inn by Hilton Toronto Airport Corporate Centre
5515 Eglinton Avenue West, Toronto, ON M9C 5K5

Reservations:
Call 416.646.3000 or 1.888.381.4311 and mention CFUW.
Reserve by April 13, 2012 to get group rate.
Check-in: 3:00 pm
Rooms: Double \$119

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Friday, MAY 11 and
Saturday, MAY 12, 2012

Hampton Inn by Hilton
Toronto Airport Corporate Centre
5515 Eglinton Avenue West
Toronto ON M9C 5K5

2011-12 SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees of the Scholarship Trust Fund are Dawn Smith (Chair), Janet Riehm (Treasurer), Pauline Adams (Secretary), Margaret Haines (Scholarship Convenor) and Pierrette MacLean (Member at Large). We are pleased to report that we have supported a total of 22 scholarships and awards in 2011-12. This is one less than last year because the Nininger Scholarship at Queen's University is now awarded directly by Queen's at the request of the donor, Michael

Nininger. In 2011-12, we are particularly delighted to be awarding the two Horwood scholarships, donated by Dr. Dorothy Horwood to celebrate the Club's 100th anniversary.

As Trustees, we are most grateful to the Club Membership who make our work possible and we are proud on your behalf of the meaningful assistance we are able to give deserving students. We are also pleased to receive enquiries about setting up new scholarships and welcome your proposals

and ideas: for example, suggestions that might target students from backgrounds or with specific aims that our present awards do not address.

We have received several letters from winners (from both this year and last). The extracts below will give you, the generous contributors to the Scholarship Trust Fund, an idea of how much your support is appreciated. We hope you will attend the March 12 General Meeting which is devoted to our scholarship winners and business.

For further information, please contact: Dawn Smith, Chair, at smith3ster@gmail.com or Margaret Haines, Scholarship Convenor, at margaret_haines@carleton.ca.

Extracts of letters from recipients of CFUW-Ottawa scholarships:

Emilie Lynes

(Winner of the Helen Nininger Scholarship in Music)

"This award ... will allow me to reduce the number of hours spent earning money during the semester, which in turn means more hours will be spent inspired by music, the arts and nature.... This semester ... I am able to focus more on performance and musical understanding.... Thanks to scholarships like the Helen Nininger, I can avoid taking on jobs which do not contribute to my growth as a musician and/or career woman, such as housecleaning...."

Shelley Hartman

(Winner of the Carol Shields Scholarship)

"... this has simply been the best year of my life.... The award has lifted my spirits as recognition can, empowered me to keep going and is helping finance the best degree program I could have possibly chosen...."

Lisa Marie Emberley

(Winner of the Naomi Rayner Scholarship)

"This award will allow me to save for my future education, which will include completing a master's degree in psychology and, ultimately, a PhD program. It is contributing to my life goal, which is to be a clinical psychologist. There is also a sense of satisfaction that the award has recognized my academic effort at Carleton...."



2011-12 CFUW-Ottawa Scholarship Winners

University of Ottawa

Constance Jones Scholarship in Women's Studies (\$1,000)	Emily Colpitts	4 th year, Social Science
The Reid Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500)	To be confirmed	
Gladys Harvey Award (\$1,000)	To be confirmed	
Helen Nininger Scholarship in Music (\$1,500)	Ylan Chu	2 nd year, Arts
Helen Nininger Scholarship in Fine Arts (\$1,500)	Carolyn Beaudoin	4 th year, Arts
Charlotte Whitton Award (\$1,000)	Jasmine Giacchetto	Grad. Student, Social Sciences
Mary Kyles Award (\$1,000)	Meaghan Brown	3 rd year, Health Sciences
Lucille Muldoon Award (\$1,000)	Julia Ann Charlebois	3 rd year, Arts
Muriel Axon Award (\$1,000)	Mirvat Atwi	Grad student, Education
Lois Harper Scholarship in Music (\$1,000)	Xin Ben Yu	2 nd year, Arts
Dorothy Horwood Graduate Scholarships in Medicine (2 of \$3,000 each)	Angie Darbyson Samantha Kornfield	Grad. Students, Medicine
Lillian Gertsman Scholarship (\$1,000)	Christine Levesque	4 th year, Social Science
Ruth Bell Centennial Scholarship Honouring All Member of the Ottawa Club since 1910 (\$5,000)	To be confirmed	

Carleton University

Harriet and Eugene Forsey Scholarship (\$1,000)	To be confirmed	
Alice E. Wilson Scholarship in Geoscience (\$1,000)	To be confirmed	
Helen Nininger Scholarship in Music (\$1,500)	Emilie Lynes	3 rd year, Music
Shirley Greenberg Award (\$1,000)	Laura Caldwell	2 nd year, Financial Economics
Dr. Ruth Bell Scholarship (\$1,000)	Marina Wilks	2 nd year, Art History
Carol Shields Scholarship (\$1,000)	Shelley Hartman	4 th year, Greek and Roman Studies
Dorothy Powell Scholarship (\$1,000)	Peter Keays	3 rd year, Economics
Naomi Rayner Scholarship (\$1,000)	Lisa Emberley	4 th year, Psychology

Ottawa Little Theatre

Gladys Cameron Watt Award (\$500)	To be announced in March	
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Afghan Leaders of Tomorrow

At the January meeting of University Women Helping Afghan Women, **Diba Hareer** and **Sadiqa Basiri**, graduate students at the University of Ottawa, shared their experiences of living and working in Afghanistan.

Diba grew up and received her education to the baccalaureate level in Kabul. Upon graduation, she worked for Medica Afghanistan, a project of the German NGO Medica Mondiale. Medica Afghanistan supports Afghan women and children, particularly those traumatized by war and domestic violence, by offering services such as psycho-social counselling and training, and legal aid.

In addition, the agency advocates to change policies and cultural attitudes towards practices such as child marriage, forced marriages and marriage contracts. Medica Afghanistan is an independent organization which relies totally on donations.

When Sadiqa's village was overtaken by the Taliban, her father moved the family to a refugee camp in Pakistan. Sadiqa was five years old. Her visit back, after NATO forces cleared the village of Taliban, shocked Sadiqa. There were no schools, clinics or markets. Sadiqa returned to the refugee camp vow-



L-R: Diba Hareer and Sadiqa Basiri Photo by: Hally Siddons

ing to establish a school for girls in her village. By the time she graduated from high school, she had raised enough money to do so. Her school had 53 students initially but dropped to 36 when a male teacher was hired. There were no qualified female teachers. Sadiqa continues to promote education for girls. In 2003, she established the Oruj Learning Center to provide education for young women in remote parts of Afghanistan. Today, the Center has six established schools with 3,600 girls enrolled, as well as the first college for women, which is currently in transition to a university for women. In addition to

running Oruj, Ms Basiri completed her Baccalaureate studies at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts and served on a government commission to study women's shelters in Afghanistan. The Oruj Center is a recipient of a CIDA grant.

Both speakers spoke of the lack of resources to support women. Members were humbled by the accomplishments of these women in a challenging environment.

Sue Wilson

University Women Helping
Afghan Women
Study and Interest Group

Corrigendum: *Ending the Long-Gun Registry Act (Bill C-19)*

Our apologies: In the February 2012 *Carillon* Advocacy Update, it was reported that Bill C-19 was already in the Senate. It just passed 3rd Reading in the House of Commons on Feb. 15 (159 MPs voted for it and 130 against).



Happy Trails at the Canadian Ski Marathon

Nine hearty souls from the Gatineau Trails Group braved the weather and took part in the Canadian Ski Marathon, North America's longest and oldest cross-country (XC) ski tour. It was held on the weekend of Feb. 11-12 on a trail that is groomed only once a year, between Lachute and Gatineau, Quebec. The Ski Marathon is an annual two-day, 160 kilometre ski event that is divided into five sections each day, varying from easy to expert, with an average of 16 kilometres per section. Participants can choose to complete one or more sections per day. It was a delight to ski through the beautiful countryside, sustained by the camaraderie among all the people participating in this invigorating sport. Our club has had groups participating for many years. As a group, we trained to improve our technique and endurance during our outings on Tuesdays and on additional days when possible. We also enjoyed the



The Women's Veteran Touring Team, the Grey Mères (L-R): Peggy McGillivray, Elaine Copland, Ann Flynn and Louise Brzustowski

Photo by: Marathon participant, name unknown

Other CFUW-Ottawa participants: Kringen Henein, Marlene Hewitt, Freida Hjartarson, Libby Leslie and Helga Taylor

luxury of a two-night stay at Chateau Montebello with its immense fire-lit foyer to welcome us, excellent breakfasts and dinners, hot tub to soothe aching

muscles, and swimming pool for winding down.

Ann Flynn and Peggy McGillivray
Gatineau Trails Group

International Women's Day (IWD) 2012

Tuesday March 6, 2012 6–9 p.m.

The CentrepoinTE Atrium & Chamber (Ben Franklin Place)

Our IWD celebration is a popular event, hosted by CFUW-Ottawa, the Ottawa Council of Women (OCW), and, joining us this year for the first time, CFUW/Kanata and CFUW-Nepean. This year's theme, *Empower Women – Change the World*, invites us to celebrate progress, and consider future challenges.

We'll start with a reception with delicious hors d'oeuvres and enjoy entertainment by the CFUW/Kanata **Guitar Groovers** and the hilarious **RCMP Miserable Ride**. Our special guest speaker is **Carol Ann Cole**, founder of the Comfort Heart Initiative, fundraiser and author.

It's a great occasion to socialize with friends and celebrate progress in women's issues. We have some great door prizes too! There is plenty of free parking. Tickets are \$25 and are available online at www.cfuw-ottawa.org/iwd or from Charlotte Rigby at (819) 778-3438.

Climate Change and Mental Health

Ashlee Cunsolo Willox of the University of Guelph was the featured speaker at the Ontario Council Standing Committees Meeting morning session on Jan. 21. Her topic was “Climate Change and Mental Health: Challenges, Opportunities and Adaptation.” She spoke of her *Changing Climate, Changing Health, Changing Stories* project at Rigolet, an Inuit village in Labrador.

The years from 1998-2010 included the ten warmest ever recorded. The area, extent and quality of the ice pack decreased significantly. Travel to many traditional hunting and fishing lands became difficult or impossible. Changes in the food supply resulted in more junk food being brought to the north. Diabetes and obesity, stress, addictions, alcoholism, and mental illnesses all became major health problems. Traditional occupations and trades disappeared and substance abuse increased. “Cabin Fever”, the stress seen when people are unable to spend time outside, has contributed to mental health issues. Ashlee’s study looks at innovative ways for people to take the lead: telling their stories, reclaiming their traditional lifestyles and culture when possible, and adapting to changes when necessary. Inuit-led cooperative approaches and appropriate government support is needed. As part of the project, members of the Rigolet community recorded their personal histories in 2009-10. To view some of these very touching personal histories click on rigolet.ca/index.php?pr=The_Stories.

The presentation at the Status of Women and Human Rights Committee afternoon session was given by Christine Cooper of the Family Associa-

tion for Mental Health Everywhere (FAME). This Greater Toronto Area charity provides education, resources and coping strategies to patients and families with mental illness issues. The statistics are horrifying: mental illnesses account for more hospital and medical interventions than cancer and cardiovascular illness combined; one in five of us (and one in 100 children) is affected by mental illness or is coping with mental illness in our family; 80 percent of 911 calls to police are mental health-related; 90 percent of those who seek help for mental issues are women; the stigma

associated with mental issues prevents many from admitting problems or seeking help; government support for many patients ceases at age 18; and more. FAME’s programs for children began with 16 kids in 2003. “fameKids” now provides counselling and support to some 400 kids living with a mentally ill family member – and there is a waiting list! For more information see fameforfamilies.com.

Wilma Clapham, Leila Metcalf and Charlotte Rigby attended the meeting.

Wilma Clapham, President, and

Charlotte Rigby, VP Liaison



Canadian Federation of University Women
ONTARIO COUNCIL

ONTARIO COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES MEETING

Saturday, March 17, 2012

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church

1585 Yonge Street, Toronto

(Two blocks north of St. Clair Subway Station, East Side)

Morning Program: Wage Gaps and Pay Equity in Ontario

Speaker: Emanuela Heyninck, Commissioner, Ontario’s Pay Equity Commission

Registration: \$30 prepaid includes a delicious and nutritious **lunch**. Catering requires registration and notification of **dietary requirements** by the Monday prior to the meeting. To be included on the agenda to make a brief announcement, please advise by the prior Thursday by contacting treasurer@cfuwontcouncil.ca. Registration and Travel Forms are located at www.cfuwontcouncil.ca/.

Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. The plenary session begins at 10:00 a.m., lunch is at 12 noon and the three afternoon Committee sessions end around 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

CFUW-Ottawa funds registration fees and partially funds accommodation and travel for attendance by the Club President, the V.P. Liaison and two Standing Committee Chairs **or their designates**.

All CFUW members are welcome to attend. If interested, contact: Charlotte Rigby, CFUW-Ottawa V.P. Liaison, for further details.

RESOLUTIONS

Six Resolutions for CFUW AGM 2012!

CFUW clubs have six proposed national resolutions to review for 2012. CFUW National published the draft resolutions in early February. The complete texts of the resolutions, background information, and details of the process are available on the national CFUW website at www.cfuw.ca/Portals/0/Proposed%20resolutions%20booklet%20for%20amendments.pdf. Clubs will be voting on these at the 2012 National AGM, to be held June 21-24 in Victoria, B.C.

Our Issues Committees will review all six resolutions and present their recommendations to Club members at the CFUW-Ottawa General Meeting on Monday, April 2 (the "Resolutions Meeting."). All CFUW members are encouraged to participate in review groups. Please contact me at crigby@videotron.ca if you are interested in joining a review group.

Charlotte Rigby, VP Liaison

Proposed 2012 CFUW Resolutions for Comment

1: RETENTION OF WOMEN IN SKILLED TRADES AND NON-TRADITIONAL OCCUPATIONS

Proposed by CFUW Barrie & District

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women urge the Government of Canada and provincial and territorial authorities concerned with education, employment, and skills development to work with business and labour to address the underrepresentation and lack of retention of women in skilled trades and non-traditional occupations by adopting strategies to create a workplace culture that is inclusive of women and prevents stereotypical barriers to women's successful entry and advancement.

2: THE INCLUSION OF WOMEN AND GENDER SENSITIVE APPROACHES IN EFFORTS TO MITIGATE AND ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Proposed by CFUW Halifax

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge:

- i. the Government of Canada to provide assistance to less developed countries to mitigate and adapt to

climate change, ensuring that women are included and gender sensitive approaches are taken in all stages of decision-making and action nationally and internationally;

- ii. federal, provincial, territorial, municipal and aboriginal governments in Canada to address the impacts of climate change on people and, using gender sensitive approaches and paying particular attention to women and other vulnerable populations, assist individuals and communities to mitigate and adapt to its effects.

3: MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL WIND TURBINE DEVELOPMENTS

Proposed by CFUW Kincardine

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), strongly urges all levels of government (municipal, provincial, federal, territorial) to institute a moratorium on the construction of industrial wind turbine developments until such time that evidence-based, impartial, scientific research studies have identified issues relating to site placement, economic efficiencies and potential effects on human health and the environment resulting in the development of national, uniform standards and regulations.

4: TOWARD A MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY FOR CANADA

Proposed by CFUW Oakville

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Government of Canada, in collaboration with its Provincial, Territorial and Aboriginal governing bodies, to create and implement a strategy that promotes mental health, helps to prevent mental illness and/or addiction, and cares for those suffering from mental illness and/or addiction.

RESOLVED, that the CFUW urge the Government of Canada to ensure that its mental health strategy includes, but is not limited to:

- Programs that promote mental health
- Support for research into the causes and triggers of mental illness and/or addiction
- Education and training of mental health workers
- Provision of age-appropriate early diagnosis and evidence-based treatment
- Facilitation of the recovery of patients and their inclusion in the community
- Regular reporting to Canadians on: strategy outcomes and effectiveness; financial accountability; and progress toward a sustainable mental health care system.

5: FULL ACCESSIBILITY AND BARRIER-FREE ENVIRONMENTS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Proposed by CFUW Ottawa

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the federal, provincial, territorial and municipal governments to meet Canada's commitments as a signatory of the United Nations *Convention on the Rights of the Physically Disabled* (CRPD) by:

- i. establishing and meeting national standards to promote, protect and ensure the full enjoyment of human rights by persons with disabilities; and
- ii. adopting and enforcing regulations to ensure that all persons with disabilities can participate in society to the fullest possible extent and enjoy full equality under the law.

6: ENSURING FOOD SECURITY IN CANADA

Proposed by CFUW Richmond, B.C.

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women urge the federal government, in consultation with provincial, aboriginal, territorial and municipal governments,

1. to create a comprehensive, coordinated national food security policy, with a dedicated budget, to ensure an affordable, accessible, nutritious and sustainable food supply for all;
2. to adopt complementary legislation that preserves agricultural land for food production;
3. to develop urban and rural food production opportunities, and in particular, to encourage new farmers, by identifying public land suitable for agriculture, ensuring access to credit for land and equipment purchase, providing educational support, and facilitating infrastructure investment.

CFUW Constitution and Bylaws

The CFUW (National) Constitution and Bylaws are currently under revision. The latest draft of the document, which was sent to Clubs on Feb. 17, is accessible to members via the News (blog) of the CFUW-Ottawa website at www.cfuw-ottawa.org. The CFUW-Ottawa Board is currently reviewing the document, as proposed amendments will be accepted by CFUW until March 20. Please contact our President, Wilma Clapham, if you have questions or would like to offer input to the dialogue. A final draft will be sent to Clubs by April 21, two months before the 2012 AGM in Victoria, and a vote will be taken on the revised Constitution and Bylaws at our Club's AGM on May 8.

Leila Metcalf

CFUW Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee

CFUW AGM & Conference Victoria, B.C.

June 21-24, 2012



CFUW AGM 2012 will take place at the Inn at Laurel Point on Victoria's Inner Harbour. Please visit the CFUW Victoria website at www.cfuwvictoria.org/ for further information about booking your hotel, the program, a list of attractions and available tours.