

GRADUATE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL (GWI) NFA2NFA PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

CFUW & GWI-NL

Afghan Peace Negotiations: Their Perilous Significance for Women in Afghanistan

Walking to Kabul

Background: The aim of the **Stand and Walk** is to raise awareness of peril at the Afghan peace table, that women could be forced to return to the dark days of Islamic apartheid, incarcerated in their homes, demanded to veil, denied education, employment, and health care. Perilous because few women's voices are heard at the peace table, but terrifying bomb blasts and gun fire prevail. The Taliban have 21 members on their negotiating team with no women; the Afghan government team has four women out of their 21 members. These women who have suffered through 40 years of war need and deserve our support at this critical period. Let their voices be heard.

GWI-NL (Netherlands) joins us in this six-month project to shine a light on these determined and courageous women. **All CFUW Clubs and members are invited to take part in one or both events.**

Stand on the Bridge is modelled on the International Women's Day event "Join Me on the Bridge" established in 2010 to promote peace and women's rights.

Event Details:

- Practicing COVID restrictions, each Club is invited to have two to five members stand on a local bridge or alternate location holding signs recognizing their Club and the Afghan Peril – messages of hope and support.
- Have a photo taken and send a digital copy with the Afghan message to local media and Club newsletters and to Kaarina at ekt_86@hotmail.com.

Walking to Kabul: from Ottawa to Kabul 30,000 km

- Encourage CFUW members to walk, ski, skate or jog and contribute their kms to the CFUW total. Friends and family can send their kms through you.
- Many Clubs have walking, snowshoeing, skiing groups that could contribute to CFUW totals.
- Club coordinators report kms to: cfuwwalks@gmail.com
- Travel progress will be shared with Clubs regularly.
- Walkers are encouraged to share travel photos.
- **The goal is to reach Kabul by April 24 and attend (Virtually) the GWI Webinar featuring three prominent Afghan women, one of whom is significantly one of the four Women on the peace negotiating team.**
- The April 24 Webinar will be open to all NFAs worldwide.

We welcome your input and creativity to the projects. Let's demonstrate the Power of Women Working Together and Support the Women of Afghanistan.

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