

URBAN WORKING GROUP

Who we are

We are survivors, family members, front line service providers and experts with lived experience in the urban reality and violence against *Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people.

Urban Reality

A majority of *Indigenous people live in urban areas, and these voices are largely ignored, erased, undermined or silenced. Respect for and full inclusion of the dynamic, resilient and strong urban *Indigenous communities and voices would lead to human rights advancement, culturally appropriate programs and services and significantly improved socio-economic conditions.

Key Highlights

- * Launched our MMIWG2S+ Urban Working Group National Action Plan entitled: Urban Path to Reclaiming Power and Place, Regardless of Residency that identified eight (8) Urban Pathways to End Violence.
- * Held a National On-line Conference to report back to Urban MMIWG2S+ Families and Survivors, Urban Service Providers, Government Partners and other Key Stakeholders.
- * Advocate to all Governments on prioritizing funding to Indigenous-led service providers and support development of Indigenous-led organizations where they don't exist.
- * Further developed our Co-Development resource document to inspire a new approach to shared decision-making. It means that the right people are at the table as equal partners when decisions are being made. In other words "nothing about us without us."

Urban Path to Reclaiming Power and Place, Regardless of Residency: Urban Implementation Plan

We are proposing three themes as part of a holistic model to implement the urban approach to end violence. This model is intended to be a starting point for a national discussion, to ensure that urban organizations and communities have what they need to elevate their work to end violence, based on their own priorities.

* **Urban Reality:** is to ensure Urban Indigenous voices and place in leading solutions. As most urban service delivery organizations are led and accessed by women, ignoring urban is also about ignoring urban *Indigenous women.

* **Responsibilities and Accountabilities:** this is the Urban Indigenous responsibility to ending violence through measured goals and monitoring impacts while ensuring accountability for all governments.

* **Co-development, coordination and collaboration:** this emphasizes “nothing about us without us” and builds on the fact that we are stronger when we work together.

Next Steps

* Complete the MMIWG2S+ Urban Implementation Plan in collaboration with MMIWG2S+ Families and Survivors, Urban service providers, all governments and other key stakeholders.

* Host several National Gatherings to consider establishing a National Coalition of Indigenous Urban Service Provider Organizations and Urban Indigenous Strategy.

* Complete and promote our Co-Development approach document.

* Promote the Urban Reality, adopt the definition of Urban and amplify the voice and engagement of Urban Indigenous service providers on ending violence.

Reports

MMIWG2S+ National Action Plan:
Urban Path to Reclaiming Power
And Place, Regardless of Residency:
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