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This year, CRCVC is celebrating its 30th anniversary! Thanks to all of your support, we've been able to bring meaningful change to victims of crime and their families over the last 30 years. The mission of this organization wouldn't have been accomplished without the efforts of our team, our sponsors and partnerships, as well as our donors, so thank you!

If you or your organization is interested in supporting CRCVC during its 30th anniversary, please email us at crcvc@crcvc.ca or make a [donation here today](#).

CRCVC's Homicide Support Group Hits 5-Year Anniversary!

We are thrilled to announce a momentous occasion as the Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime commemorates the 5-year anniversary of our esteemed Homicide Support Group. This remarkable milestone signifies our commitment to providing solace, compassion, and support to individuals affected by the loss of a loved one to homicide.

We want to thank everyone who has made this incredible journey possible. To all the survivors who have bravely shared their stories with fellow members, we are grateful for your courage and resilience. Each attendee has contributed to the supportive environment and created a safe space for healing.

We also want to thank all special guests who have attended our Homicide Support Group sessions over the years. Your presence, expertise, and words of encouragement have had a profound impact on our members, providing them with additional insights, inspiration, and guidance on their healing journey.

Looking ahead, our mission remains to expand the reach of our Homicide Support Group, ensuring that no survivor feels alone in their journey toward healing. For more information about our Homicide Support Group, please visit our [website](#).

July 1st, 2023

Instead of commemorating, we are observing this Canada Day. We are recognizing the troubling past of colonization within this nation.

On this day, as well as every other day, our sympathies are with all First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities.

Reconciliation before celebration.



The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada articulated 94 Calls to Action aimed at promoting reconciliation and addressing the systemic disparities faced by Indigenous peoples. However, there has been minimal advancement in the 8 years since the report's publication. **Reconciliation before celebration.**

National Inquiry Into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls: Update

The **National Inquiry for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls** was founded as a means of investigating the **disproportionally high number** of Indigenous women and girls that are victims of violent crime in Canada. Furthermore, the National Inquiry set out to determine what barriers were and still are in the way of reconciliation, and what must be done in order to overcome them. Spanning over a period of three years, by the time the inquiry had reached its end the panel had listened to over 1400 witnesses and their testimony, listening to both survivors and experts in communities throughout Canada.

As a result of all the testimony heard and the volume of systemic racism that was seen to be permeating throughout institutions such as the justice and healthcare systems, there were 231 calls for justice that were decided by the panel's commissioners and they were subsequently outlined in the **Final Report**. The Prime Minister's response upon reception of the Final Report was to give his word that there would be **tangible and substantial changes made by the government in line with the calls for justice** however, four years later, there is little proof to substantiate this claim.

Of the 231 Calls outlined, **only two have been implemented** and more than **half, have not even started to be looked at yet**, and further, of the two calls implemented by the government, only one was completed in the last 3 years. Additionally, there has been a dramatic rise in hateful content's prominence on the internet **with larger surges occurring in the last decade**

Without the legal protections deemed necessary in the Final Report, Indigenous peoples are not just left unprotected from the hateful rhetoric, but there is also a failure to recognize the harm that is being caused, which when talked about by the National Family and Survivors Circle Chair, Hilda Anderson-Pyrz she said, **"to avoid recognition of hate can be more harmful than the hate itself"**.

On the other hand, despite the fact that there has been little done in regard to addressing the calls to justice, it would be remiss to not mention the hard work that is still being done. One such example is recent news from The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, wherein they announced their follow-up with **Call to Action 81**. On June 20, 2023, The 16-member Survivor-led Steering Committee announced their **plan to build a national monument** both publicly accessible and highly visible on the west side of Parliament Hill, whereby all visitors will be given the opportunity to honour and commemorate survivors, and the lives impacted and lost to residential schools. Granted that the monument is only fulfilling one call to action, it is a much needed step closer to reconciliation.

The shortcomings of Canada's ability to in a significant and positive way respond to the Final Report are evident and incriminating. Now more than ever, we must ramp up our efforts for reconciliation. We must start by listening to Indigenous people, elders and leaders, but we must also follow up with *real* actions.

National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism



June 23rd 2023 marked the 38th anniversary of when many lost their loved ones to the 1985 terrorist attack on Air India flight 182. This heart-wrenching act of terrorism resulted in the devastating loss of numerous individuals, leaving families and friends in profound grief while impacting our nation.

To commemorate this occasion, June 23rd has been designated as the National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism in Canada. It serves as a day where we come together to honour and remember all those who have fallen victim to terrorist attacks. Memorial services take place throughout the country

One victim of the attack on Air India flight 182 is Susheel Gupta - who lost his mother to the attack. His inspiring story is one that we will never forget and continue to share amongst other victims of terrorism. This tragedy motivated Susheel to make a professional career out of helping victims of terrorism and crime across the country. We encourage you to read his [story](#) and to remember and honour all lives lost during the June 23rd attack on Air India flight 182.

CRCVC never forgets.

2023 CRCVC Advocacy Award

Congratulations to Algonquin College Victimology Student, Rita Lamolinara, who won the 2022-2023 CRCVC advocacy award!

It is awarded to a graduating student in the Victimology Program who embodies a solid work ethic, integrity, cooperation, knowledge, excellence and determination in their student life, academic achievements, involved in the community and/or in the practicum.

Rita is pictured alongside CRCVC Executive Director, Aline Vlasceanu.

The award is well deserved. Congratulations Rita!



Upcoming Events

Homicide Support Group

Our **Homicide Support Group** is for family members, friends, and close loved ones of homicide victims and is intended to offer peer support to those dealing with violent loss. This support group is offered nationally meaning that we can connect with and support survivors from across the country. *English only.*

When: TBD (please visit our [website](#) for updates)

Where: Virtually

To RSVP: email us at crcvc@crcvc.ca or call us at 1-877-232-2610

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