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## **NATIONAL GENDER EQUALITY NETWORK TO MEET IN HALIFAX NEXT WEEK**

Over 140 women leaders from across Canada will meet in Halifax April 30-May 1 to discuss how to make gender equality a reality.

This will be the second meeting of the [Gender Equality Network Canada](#), a national women's collaboration that is working on a national action plan for gender equality.

The network was launched last year with funding from [Status of Women Canada](#) and is convened by the [Canadian Women's Foundation](#). All of the women in the network were nominated by local organizations who are working to advance gender equality in their communities.

According to a survey conducted by the Canadian Women's Foundation in April 2017, 84% of Canadians believe gender equality benefits everyone. However, many are also deeply concerned that the next generation of women will be just as or more likely to experience forms of violence such as sexual assault, online harassment, physical violence from a partner, and sexual harassment in the workplace. And 73% of people surveyed in Atlantic Canada agreed Canada should be further ahead than it is in achieving gender equality (compared to a national average of 68%).

Stay in touch with the Gender Equality Network by following #GENCREGC and following the Canadian Women's Foundation on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#), by joining our [E-newsletter](#), and by reading our [Blog](#).

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## **ABOUT THE CANADIAN WOMEN'S FOUNDATION**

The Canadian Women's Foundation is Canada's public foundation for women and girls. We empower women and girls in Canada to move out of violence, out of poverty, and into confidence and leadership. Since 1991, we've raised money and funded more than 1,500 community programs across Canada, and are one of the largest women's foundations in the world. We take a positive approach to addressing root causes of the most critical issues facing women and girls. We study and share the best ways to create long-term change and bring community organizations together for training and to learn from each other. We carefully select and fund the programs with the strongest outcomes and regularly evaluate their work. We have a special focus on building a community of women helping other women. Helping women creates safer families and communities, and a more prosperous society for all of us. We invest in the strength of women and the dreams of girls. For more information, please visit [www.canadianwomen.org](http://www.canadianwomen.org).

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