

MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS

Indigenous women and girls make up less than 5% of the Canadian population but represent approximately 24% of all homicide victims. They are 12x more likely to be murdered. Over 60% of Indigenous women experience physical or sexual violence in their lifetime.

A statistics Canada report showed that 56% of Indigenous women experience intimate partner violence, more than double the rate for non-Indigenous people.

—Amnesty International

THE REDRESS PROJECT BY JAMIE BLACK



The REDress Project focuses around the issue of missing or murdered Aboriginal women across Canada. It is an installation art project based on an aesthetic response to this critical national issue. The project has been installed in public spaces throughout Canada and the United States as a visual reminder of the staggering number of women who are no longer with us. The installation draws attention to the gendered and racialized nature of violent crimes against Aboriginal women and to evoke a presence through the marking of absence.

—Jaime Black, Métis Artist



RED DRESS DAY TAKES PLACE ON MAY 5TH

Red Dress Day is a National Day of remembrance and activism honouring the lives of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirited People (MMIWG2S+).

Red Dress Day matters because it makes the invisible visible. It forces this country to confront the truth. It reminds us that every single life matters, that these lives still matter, and we will never stop fighting for justice.

—Amnesty International

MEANING OF THE RED HANDPRINT



The red handprint is a symbol of solidarity and awareness for MMIW, Girls, and Two-Spirit people. It represents the countless silenced voices and the ongoing crisis of violence against Indigenous communities.

The red handprint is often painted on faces, displayed on signs, and incorporated into artwork and demonstrations. It serves as a reminder to end the violence and injustice faced by Indigenous women and girls. It also represents remembrance, respect, and the demand for justice for the victims and their families.

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CALL TO ACTION #41

We call upon the federal government, in consultation with Aboriginal organizations, to appoint a public inquiry into the causes of, and remedies for, the disproportionate victimization of Aboriginal women and girls. The inquiry's mandate would include:

- i. Investigation into missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls.
- ii. Links to the intergenerational legacy of residential schools.

—Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada