

#MMIWG
#SISvigils

Sisters in Spirit Day

What are you doing on
October 4, 2021?

Honour the lives of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls

1. raise awareness
2. provide support to families who have lost a loved one
3. engage in a movement for social change.

BC accounts for over a quarter of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada.

Most cases occur in Vancouver's Downtown East Side and along the Highway of Tears near Prince George.



Sisters in Spirit is a research, policy, and education initiative of the Native Women's Association of Canada.
For more information: <https://www.nwac.ca>

Websites

- National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls www.mmiwg-ffada.ca
- Taking Action: What You Can Do? www.kairoscanada.org/missing-murdered-indigenous-women-girls/advocacy-action
- Justice for Indigenous Women j4iw.ca
- Missing & Murdered: The Unsolved Cases of Indigenous Women and Girls www.cbc.ca/missingandmurdered

Teaching Resources

- Their Voices Will Guide Us projectofheart.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/NIMMIWG-THEIR-VOICES-WILL-GUIDE-US.pdf
- J4IW Teacher's Resource Guide docs.google.com/document/d/1qZO9Z7zOE97Cxu4AYzV5fUh7x2D-ISYTxZwS0SJX0i8/edit
- Knowing Your Rights Toolkit: Sexual and Reproductive Health Booklet www.nwac.ca/resource/knowning-your-rights-toolkit-sexual-and-reproductive-health-booklet/

Books

- *Missing Nimama* by Melanie Florence (2015) recommended for grades 6+ k12.bcerac.ca/resource/?q=Missing-Nimama&ResourceTitleID=6965
- *#Not Your Princess: Voices of Native American Women* edited by Lisa Charleyboy and Mary Beth Leatherdale (2017) recommended for grades 8+ k12.bcerac.ca/resource/?q=Not-Your-Princess-Voices-of-Native-American-Women&ResourceTitleID=8240
- *If I Go Missing* by Brianna Jonnie (2019) recommended for grades 9+ k12.bcerac.ca/resource/?q=If-I-Go-Missing&ResourceTitleID=9883
- *Betty: The Helen Betty Osborne Story* by David A. Robertson (2015) recommended for grades 10+ k12.bcerac.ca/resource/?q=Betty-The-Helen-Betty-Osborne-Story&ResourceTitleID=6271
- *The Missing* by Melanie Florence (2016) recommended for grades 10+ k12.bcerac.ca/resource/?q=Missing-The&ResourceTitleID=9284
- *Seven Fallen Feathers* by Tanya Talaga (2017) recommended for grades 10+ k12.bcerac.ca/resource/?q=Seven-Fallen-Feathers&ResourceTitleID=7626
- *Will I See?* by David A. Robertson (2017) recommended for grades 11+ k12.bcerac.ca/resource/?q=Will-I-See&ResourceTitleID=6941
- *Bone Black* by Carol Rose Goldeneagle (2019) recommended for adults www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=8176&f=
- *Remembering Vancouver's Disappeared Women: Settler Colonialism and the Difficulty of Inheritance* by Amber Dean (2015) recommended for adults https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=6076&f=
- *Highway of Tears: A True Story of Racism, Indifference and the Pursuit of Justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls* by Jessica McDiarmid (2019) recommended for adults www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=8157&f=
- *Red River Girl: The Life and Death of Tina Fontaine* by Joanna Jolly (2019) recommended for adults www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=7806&f=
- *Stolen Sisters* by Emmanuelle Walter (2015) recommended for adults www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=5887&f=

Films and Documentaries

- This River (2016) 19 minutes www.nfb.ca/film/this_river
- Finding Dawn (2006) 1 hour 13 minutes www.nfb.ca/film/finding_dawn
- Unclaimed (2016) 1 hour 27 minutes gem.cbc.ca/media/films/unclaimed/38e815a-00a5dfd52cf
- Where women go missing in Canada (2020) 50 minutes youtu.be/yNPKWDEOAD4
- Our Sisters in Spirit Documentary (2016) 35 minutes www.youtube.com/watch?v=zdzM6krfaKY
- The Pig Farm Documentary (2011) 1 hour 26 minutes youtu.be/L3HfVIurJA8
- Trawling Winnipeg's Rivers for the Bodies of Unsolved Murder Cases (2014) 22 minutes youtu.be/K8iDzIQW0XE
- Caribou Legs (2017) 11 minutes vimeo.com/218566972
- Don't Need Saving: Aboriginal Women and Access to Justice (2011) 6 minutes youtu.be/e5bqUjdbzls
- 1200+ (2015) 3 minute trailer vimeo.com/301196245
- If I Go Missing (2018) 1 minute trailer vimeo.com/267159334

News Reports

- Felicia Solomon's Story (2015) 19 minutes youtu.be/lWCYw8Ilk7g
- FULL STORY: The Missing and the Murdered (2015) 13 minutes youtu.be/YcKKJ2kkvuc
- UN Reports Blasts Canada's Human Rights Record on Violence Against Indigenous Women (2015) 8 minutes youtu.be/kqALyvbYPug
- Trudeau government begins MMIW inquiry (2015) 3 minutes youtu.be/9ZXPwe9dL44
- Canada's missing and murdered indigenous women (2015) 3 minutes youtu.be/vqps0EuQEjU
- A Family's Desperate Search for a Missing Woman Police Can't Find (2015) 9 minutes youtu.be/1G4DebQk6iY

Additional Videos

- Pam Palmater interview on MMIWG: Murdered & Missing Indigenous Women & Girls in Canada (2015) 12 minutes youtu.be/_dULLnpG9Hg
- How do we stop aboriginal women from disappearing? | Beverley Jacobs | TEDxCalgary (2014) 18 minutes youtu.be/8NtkmnJ2Q3w
- 11 Year Old JASMINE Seeking Answers for her Mother Tanya Nepinak (2012) 3 minutes youtu.be/TyLNInEXsls
- Missing Murdered Indigenous Women (2019) 2 minutes youtu.be/tc6pUYwG3yQ
- A Memorial Song by Tasheena Sarazin (2020) 2 minutes youtu.be/mLdsjFRR2nQ
- The Highway music video by N'we Jinan Artists, Kitsumkalum First Nation (2017) 5 minutes youtu.be/hG_9d260YeI
- Performance for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (2016) 4 minutes youtu.be/q_vqlZJof0