



LearningNetwork

9 Notable VAW Facebook Groups from Ontario

This article highlights 9 Facebook pages from Ontario that are dedicated to ending Violence Against Women. The Learning Network was inspired by the Pixel Project's "16 Notable Facebook Pages by Anti-Violence Against Women Organisations". This is not an exhaustive list of notable pages, but we thought it was a great place to start. The pages highlighted below were chosen because they satisfied the following criteria:

1. The scope of the organization that hosts the page must be provincial (e.g., provincial network/association/agency vs. a member agency)
2. The page must have over 80 followers
3. The page must be "active" (e.g., frequent posts and user interaction) with an engaged audience

These 9 VAW Facebook pages show how this platform allows an organization to encourage stakeholder engagement. For instance, pages present information such as info-graphics, articles, upcoming events, VAW tools and resources, and forums for discussion.

We look forward to your feedback so that we can add more notable Ontario based pages to this group. Please share your notable pages with us on [Facebook](#).

1. [ASSAULTED WOMEN'S HELPLINE](#)

The Assaulted Women's Helpline offers a 24-hour telephone and TTY crisis line to all women who have experienced abuse. The Helpline offers an anonymous and confidential telephone crisis line for all women in the province of Ontario that provides crisis counselling, safety planning, emotional support and referrals in 154 languages. The Helpline is dedicated to working towards equality for all women and recognizes abuse as one example of women's social, political and economic inequality.

2. [DRAW THE LINE](#)

Action ontarienne contre la violence faite aux femmes (AOCVF) and the Ontario Coalition of Rape Crisis Centres (OCRCC) produced a dynamic sexual violence prevention campaign. It is an interactive campaign that aims to engage Ontarians in a dialogue about sexual violence. The campaign represents the diversity of Ontario and challenges common myths about sexual violence and equips bystanders with information on how to intervene safely and effectively.

3. **[NEIGHBOURS, FRIENDS & FAMILIES \(NFF\)](#)**

Neighbours, Friends and Families is a public education campaign to raise awareness of the signs of woman abuse so that those close to an at-risk woman or an abusive man can help. The NFF Workplace Champion Program provides comprehensive education and training for all levels of an organization. NFF is also the public education campaign of the Ontario Government's Domestic Violence Action Plan.

4. **[ONTARIO NATIVE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION \(ONWA\)](#)**

ONWA, affiliated with the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC), is committed to being the voice of Aboriginal women in Ontario and to building relationships with all levels of government and other organizations to ensure all Aboriginal women and their families will live free from social and economic distress; to promote their sacred roles as valued and respected members in the community; and to preserve their culture, language and heritage. ONWA delivers culturally enriched programs and services to Aboriginal women and their families regardless of their status or locality.

5. **[ONTARIO NETWORK OF SEXUAL ASSAULT/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TREATMENT CENTRES](#)**

The Ontario Network of Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centres is made up of 35 treatment centres at hospitals around Ontario. Each centre has a team of nurses, doctors, social workers and others who provide care to girls and guys of all ages who have experienced sexual, intimate partner or dating violence. Member centres look for/document injuries, collect and store evidence, provide treatment medications, follow-up care and counseling services.

6. **[ONTARIO WOMEN'S JUSTICE NETWORK \(OWJN\)](#)**

The OWJN contains information on relevant legal issues, including written law (legislation) and case law (court decisions). OWJN materials reflect a feminist perspective that challenges barriers and oppressions women face and address the realities of all individuals who are marginalized. OWJN uses the term "violence" in the broadest sense, and acknowledges the barriers women face - from personal violence (including physical, sexual, and emotional abuse) to social and systemic barriers (like sexism and poverty).

7. **[SPRINGTIDE RESOURCES](#)**

Springtide Resources provides training and resources to decrease the incidence of physical, psychological, emotional and sexual violence against women and the effect that woman abuse has on children. Springtide Resources Inc., formerly Education Wife Assault, promotes healthy and equal relationships by engaging diverse communities in shared educational strategies designed to prevent violence against women and the effect it has on children.

8. **[THE MISS G PROJECT](#)**

The Miss G Project for Equity in Education is a grassroots young feminist organization working to combat all forms of oppression in and through education, including sexism, homophobia, racism and classism. Dedicated to feminist anti-oppression politics with a strong focus on education, our mandate is to provide young people with the opportunity, support, and resources necessary to analyze and influence issues that affect their lives and futures. This includes acting as a community resource and mounting political actions towards the ongoing improvement of

publicly funded education to meet its own policy commitments to equity in education, respect for diversity, critical thinking, and the provision of a safe and secure environment.

9. **WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN**

White Ribbon (WR) is the largest effort in the world of men working to end violence against women (VAW). In over fifty-five countries, campaigns are led by both men and women, even though the focus is on educating men and boys. In some countries it is a general public education effort focused on ending violence against women.