

## YWCA Canada welcomes Truth and Reconciliation Commission Final Report

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Recognizing the negative impacts on women and girls of 120 years of the Indian Residential School system, YWCA Canada, the nation's oldest and largest women's multi-service association, welcomes the release of the Summary Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission today and lauds the many years of work by the Commission, and by residential school survivors.

"YWCA Canada is committed to taking up a role in the work of reconciliation," says YWCA Canada CEO Paulette Senior. "Our vision of a *safe and equitable society for women and girls* requires a country built on respect and dedicated to ending violence against First Nation, Métis and Inuit women. We applaud the Commissioners' call for an inquiry into missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls."

"Walking with thousands past Parliament Hill on Sunday was an historic moment," says Ann Decter, Director of Advocacy and Public Policy, "just as today is an historic day. This is a tremendous opportunity for Canada to move in a new direction. Education will be key to meeting the challenge of change."

YWCA Canada is one of 14 partners in the 4Rs Youth Movement working to host 150 public conversations on reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous young people in 2017. At the upcoming 2015 Annual Members Meeting in Edmonton June 11-13, YWCA Canada is poised to adopt strategic directions for the next five years, including renewing a commitment to Reconciliation.

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About YWCA Canada: YWCA Canada is the country's oldest and largest women's multi-service organization. Our 32 Member Associations serve women and girls in nine provinces and two territories. YWCA Canada is the nation's single largest provider of shelter to women and children fleeing violence, the second largest provider of childcare services, and an active member of the World YWCA. For more information visit [www.ywcacanada.ca](http://www.ywcacanada.ca), find us on Twitter [@YWCA\\_Canada](https://twitter.com/YWCA_Canada) or at [www.facebook.com/ywcacanada](https://www.facebook.com/ywcacanada).