

Atlantic Council for International Cooperation (ACIC)

Affiliated: The Inter-Council Network (ICN)

Location: Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island

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Mission: The Atlantic Council for International Cooperation is a coalition of individuals, organizations and institutions working in the Atlantic region to build and model just, equitable and sustainable communities, locally and globally. ACIC connects leadership across generations by strengthening members and partners, bridging dialogue and building networking and learning opportunities. ACIC also represents and amplifies the voice of Atlantic Canada and connects the Atlantic with other provincial, national and international stakeholders.

Overview: Leaders of tomorrow partner with leaders of today for more just, equitable and sustainable communities.

Jane Paul Indigenous Resource Centre

Affiliated: with Nova Scotia Native Women's Association

Location: Nova Scotia

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Mission: A not-for-profit organization providing a variety of supports and services to Indigenous women who found themselves living in Sydney, off reserve and away from community resources, many of whom found themselves in high-risk situations experiencing violence, homelessness, poverty, addiction, mental health struggles, involvement with different agencies, disruption of family life, and/or experiencing involvement with the criminal justice system.

Overview: Affiliated with Nova Scotia Native Women's Association. Available to all Indigenous women, however, originally organized under the name Mi'kmaw Women's Resource Centre

Topics Covered: Supports and provides support to indigenous women, experiencing violence, high-risk situations, homelessness, poverty, addiction, mental health struggles, involvement with criminal justice system.

Founded: December 2015

Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre

Location: Halifax, NS

Phone: 902-420-1576

Website: <https://mymnfc.com>

Mission: To improve the lives of aboriginal peoples living in an urban environment through social and cultural programming.

Overview: The Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Society wishes to recognize the traditional lands of our Mi'kmaw Ancestors. The Mi'kmaw are the traditional custodians of the land where the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Resides. The Society would like to pay our respects to the elders both past and present of the Mi'kmaw Nation.

Topics Covered:

- Mi'kmaw Child Development
- Partnership Development
- Employment Training
- Family Support Services
- Community & Culture
- Harm Reduction
- Education
- Housing
- Justice
- Seniors
- Other

Nova Scotia Native Women's Association

Location: Nova Scotia

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Website: <http://www.nsnwa.ca/strategic-priorities/>

Mission: To represent and support indigenous women and their rights

Overview: 13 First Nations communities plus 3 off reserve zones of Halifax, Sydney, and the South Shore. Local chapters are connected to the NSNWA. Available to all Indigenous women across the province. To empower Indigenous women to embrace their traditional and significant role in their communities and territories and to provide support and resources for Indigenous women to develop programs and initiatives to engage in meaningful dialogue with their communities and nations.

Topics Covered:

- To be the provincial voice for the Indigenous women and 2SLGBTQQIA people.
- To address issues in a manner, which reflects the changing needs of Indigenous women and 2SLGBTQQIA people of Nova Scotia.
- To assist and promote common goals towards self-determination and self-sufficiency for Indigenous women and 2SLGBTQQIA people in Nova Scotia.
- To assist and encourage all Indigenous women and 2SLGBTQQIA people to contribute ideas and skills to the social, cultural and economical development and health of the Mi'kmaq society.
- To preserve and promote the sacred roles of Indigenous women, 2SLGBTQQIA people and their families as valued and respected members in the community.
- To cultivate and teach the characteristics that are unique aspects of our Indigenous culture and historical traditions.
- To promote equal opportunities for Indigenous women and 2SLGBTQQIA people in programs and activities.
- To build relationships with all levels of government and other organizations to collaborate on all socioeconomic issues affecting the well-being of all Indigenous women, 2SLGBTQQIA people and their families.
- To administer services in a culturally respectful manner.”
<http://www.nsnwa.ca/governance/>

Founded: In 1972 by Helen Martin (Membertou), Annie Johnson (Eskasoni) and Martha Julien (Millbrook). Officially incorporated in 1977 as a not-for-profit association under the Societies Act of Nova Scotia

Other Information: Chief Annie Bernard-Daisley, a past president of the NSNWA, has spoken to both provincial and federal governments on matters related to the Inquiry

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into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. More information on this can be found at this link: <http://www.nsnwa.ca/our-chief/>