



## News Release

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### ***New program, Strong Girls, Strong World Winnipeg, seeks future leaders***

*Winnipeg, Manitoba* — During the summer of 2015, the Status of Women Canada has launched a nation-wide project called Strong Girls, Strong World (SGSW). Councils of girls aged 16-19 are being formed in cities across Canada to receive the supports to become empowered, and plan their own innovation strategies against predetermined topics. The YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg is seeking members for the SGSW Winnipeg council, which will be working to combat intimate partner violence.

By examining violence through an intersectional lens, the SGSW Winnipeg project aims to provide the necessary supports (which may include education through workshops, networking, or developing skills in various forms of media), mentorship, and leadership training to young girls who are interested in influencing social change. The SGSW Winnipeg council is intended to be inclusive\* to all experiences of young women, transgender, and non-binary people.

Applicants are encouraged to apply, regardless of socio-economic background or experience, and SGSW Winnipeg will provide transportation, childcare, and will do its best to remove participation barriers. Members should expect a safe space to share ideas, grow, and empower one another.

The official council will be assembled by November 2015, and its members will determine the plan of action. Additional information about the council and how to apply is listed at [www.ywinnipeg.ca/jobs](http://www.ywinnipeg.ca/jobs)

*\*SGSW Winnipeg is committed to providing a safe environment for all interested applicants regardless of race, ability, size, body type, or sexual orientation. SGSW Winnipeg is an ally to all who fall under the LGBTTQ\* spectrum, and is trans\* inclusionary. Members of minority groups are encouraged to apply.*

#### ***About the YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg***

*A registered charity committed to strengthening the foundations of community, the YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg serves more than 80,000 Winnipeggers annually. Since its founding in 1879, the YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg has been a leader in nurturing the potential of children, teens and young adults, promoting healthy living, and fostering social responsibility. The YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg helps people of all ages lead healthier and more productive lives regardless of their background or financial situation. Learn more at [ywinnipeg.ca](http://ywinnipeg.ca)*

#### ***About the Strong Girls, Strong World Project***

*Strong Girls, Strong World is a new project aimed at promoting girl-powered solutions to gender inequality in Canada. The project will empower girls and young women in 10 communities across the nation to identify critical obstacles they face on their way to becoming leaders and change-makers, and to develop action plans to overcome them. In partnership with YMCA Canada, YWCA Canada and Plan Canada, the projects will be funded by Status of Women Canada. The project was launched after Canada led the call for the International Day of the Girl at the United Nations, in order to celebrate the capacity of young girls and acknowledge that their rights matter.*

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