

# Red Dresses

## Awareness & Honouring MMIWG2S+, Survivors & Families

### Why are red dresses hanging in the library?

October 4 is the provincial and National Day of Awareness and Honouring of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirited Peoples (MMIWG2S+).

We are hanging red dresses to bring awareness to violence against Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirited Peoples.

### Why red dresses?

In 2010, artist Jaime Black created REDress, an “aesthetic response to more than 1000 missing and murdered Indigenous women in Canada”. It has since become a national and international movement to hang red dresses to bring attention and show support to MMIWG2S+.

### What is the City of Winnipeg doing about MMIWG2S+ and the Calls for Justice?

The City is working with Indigenous-led organizations and community members to act on the 231 Calls for Justice from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Planned actions include education and awareness, such as hanging red dresses. In addition, the City is working with other levels of government to explore and address intersecting issues and policies that perpetuate MMIWG2S+ and is taking steps in decolonizing policies and processes. Learn more at [winnipeg.ca/indigenous/MMIWG](http://winnipeg.ca/indigenous/MMIWG).

### What can I do to help?

- Denounce and speak out against violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA people (Two-Spirited, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex and Asexual)
- Engage with information to help decolonize your understanding of Canada, and to learn the truth of Canadian and Indigenous histories
- Help hold all governments accountable to act on the National Inquiry’s Calls for Justice
- Informed by what you learn, become a strong ally

### Where can I learn more?

- Read the Final Report of the National Inquiry into MMIWG and its 231 Calls for Justice
- Keep learning: use the Library’s MMIWG2S+ Info Guide to connect with many resources. Visit [guides.wpl.winnipeg.ca/mmiwgtwospirit](http://guides.wpl.winnipeg.ca/mmiwgtwospirit)
- Listen to and follow Indigenous-led voices and organizations

### Supports:

The National Inquiry’s 24/7 toll-free crisis line: **1-844-413-6649**

After-care support line for Survivors, families, and others affected:

**1-866-818-3505**

