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SPACES OF POWER: Women's Stories of Resilience International Women's Day 2017

PETERBOROUGH, ON - Tuesday, February 21, 2017 -- Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre and the Kawartha World Issues Centre are once again cohosting a dynamic and interactive evening for International Women's Day. Taking place at Seeds of Change (in George Street United Church, 534 George St. N.) on Wednesday, March 8th, the event doors open at 5:30 pm for an evening of pot luck, music, speakers, solidarity and celebration. This is a free public event that is gender and child friendly, with potluck contributions welcome.

This year's local International Women's Day event will explore the ways in which women define power, women resist power and women grow their resilience in spaces of power. Peterborough is excited to welcome special guests, including Councilor Diane Therrien, Tasha Beads, the Raging Grannies, and an incredible panel of women to speak on their experiences of power and resilience:

- Chief Phyllis Williams: Curve Lake First Nation
- Jean Augustine PC CM CBE: Grenadian/Canadian Educational Administrator, Social Justice Advocate, and Politician
- Dr. Dawn Lavell-Harvard: Educator, Advocate for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, and Director of the First People's House of Learning at Trent University
- Dr. Vanita Lokanathan: Family Doctor and LGBTQ* Advocate
- Yumna Leghari, Co-Editor, Arthur Newspaper

"The theme of *Spaces of Power: Women's Stories of Resilience* was selected in response to the recent political climate in which the autonomous rights of women as full humans are once again being debated on a global stage," explains Julie Cosgrove, Executive Director of the Kawartha World Issues Centre. "Women are resilient and negotiate spaces of power every day. We expect the evening to be fun, informative, and collectively inspiring." This event has been recognized by the Women's March (womensmarch.com) as an official 'huddle' event.

For full speaker bios, and more information about the event, please visit www.kwic.info or www.kawarthasexualassaultcentre.com.

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Media friends are invited to join us! For more information, please contact Julie Cosgrove, Kawartha World Issues Centre: 705-748-1680 or julie@kwic.info.

The Kawartha World Issues Centre is a charitable global education and resource centre serving Peterborough community and Kawartha region which promotes dialogue and understanding of world issues and their local connections to enable people to effect positive social and environmental change.