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THE POWER OF WOMEN WORKING TOGETHER



2016-2017  
Annual Report

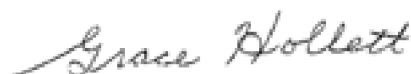
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## Message from CFUW President and Executive Director

While it has been a challenging year, CFUW continued its work in the advancement of equality for women and girls. The organization started new projects to research sexual assault on campus and replicated its study from 25 years ago to identify changes to the status of female faculty and students at Canadian universities. We formed new relationships and alliances within our communities and with non-governmental organizations who are instrumental in moving the cause of women's rights forward. CFUW members were active in their communities raising over \$1 million to help women pursue post-secondary education; several webinars were held for members on electoral reform, fundraising, child care and how to prepare motions. CFUW was involved at the local, provincial, national and international levels of civic engagement and social action.

Throughout this report, you will see highlights of our actions which demonstrate the power of women working together to improve the human rights of women and girls.



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National President

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CFUW is a non-partisan, voluntary, self-funded organization with over 100 CFUW Clubs located in every province across Canada. Since its founding in 1919, CFUW has been working to improve the status of women, and to promote human rights, public education, social justice, and peace. It holds special consultative status with the United Nations (ECOSOC) and belongs to the Education Committee of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO. CFUW is the largest affiliate of Graduate Women International (GWI) which represents women worldwide.

## CFUW's Mission Statement

CFUW will continue to enhance its role as a national, bilingual, independent organization striving to promote equality, social justice, fellowship and life-long learning for women and girls.

## Strategic Aims

- 1. Membership:** Build and strengthen membership to sustain a healthy organization while continuing our advocacy and educational support and initiatives.
- 2. Public Profile:** Raise the public profile of CFUW so that our ongoing and significant contributions to Canadian society are fully recognized.
- 3. Advocacy:** Increase the effectiveness of CFUW's advocacy role by assisting our membership to continue and enhance their involvement in advocacy and social action and extending our impact through partnerships.
- 4. Scholarships/Fellowships:** Encourage Clubs to begin/continue scholarship programs and strengthen the effectiveness of national fellowship programs.
- 5. Sustainability:** Build organizational capacity at the Board, committee, regional and club level to maintain CFUW's ability to reach goals.



While CFUW's efforts in the education area focus primarily on the post-secondary level, it recognizes that if a woman/girl cannot get access to elementary and secondary education, there is no way that she will have access to post-secondary education. For this reason, CFUW works on initiatives which address education for women and girls at all levels. CFUW clubs provide funding for student scholarships and for schools at the elementary and high school levels and are involved in school projects, such as reading programs, and give scholarships to graduating students entering post-secondary institutions. As well, Clubs provide local bursaries and scholarships for women preparing for careers in non-traditional areas. Internationally, a few Clubs work with schools and give bursaries to children to pay their tuitions.

CFUW Aurora-Newmarket, in partnership with York Region Media Group, hosted the seventh annual short story contest. Residents and students in York Region and Bradford under 23 years of age were invited to write a story beginning with the sentence "It was time for a change".

CFUW West Vancouver raised monies for scholarship purposes through a community invited fashion show featuring women's styles from 1957 to present. Profits from the event permitted the club to direct three scholarships to Girls Aging out of Government Care (at 19 years) in order to continue with their education plans.

In 2015-2016, CFUW Orillia endorsed the proposal to sell "Do Fish Fart?" books as a fundraiser. During this time, the Ladies of the Lake, a group of women dedicated to promoting the healing of Lake Simcoe, gathered questions from school children, from around the lake, about their environment, specifically the lake. Experts answered the questions, former OWL staff adapted the language to child friendly text, illustrators contributed and the book was published. As it turned out, the book has appeal for all ages from 8-80, which was an unintended outcome.

This spring, CFUW Fredericton invited Dr. Susan Hartley to speak about the work of Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan. She talked about the role of the organization in improving educational opportunities for women and girls in Afghanistan and in raising awareness in Canada.

Each year, CFUW Southport awards three \$500 scholarships at the Saugeen District Secondary School to young women graduates; one with



Jane Kramer, CFUW Southport Scholarship Committee and scholarship winners

the highest academic standing going to university; one with the highest standing entering a college program; and one to a First Nation graduate moving on to post-secondary studies. CFUW Southport also provides two \$1,000 scholarships to two adult female students to further their education. This year, one of the recipients, who is a single mom with three children, studied medical office administration at Fanshawe College in Kincardine, and the other recipient, a mother of two, took a personal support worker (PSW) program at Fanshawe College in London.

CFUW Belleville and District, along with VIA Rail, Calypso Water Park, Canada Science and Technology Museum, City of Belleville, Jungle Cat World, Marineland, Niagara Parks, Ontario Science Centre, and Toronto Zoo, sponsored the summer reading program for the Belleville Public Library.

In this year under review, CFUW Northumberland awarded their inaugural First Nations, Metis, Inuit scholarship. The Club was inspired to create the new award by Sheila Fraser, the former Auditor General of Canada, who is an honorary Witness for the Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and has been encouraging women to promote further education for indigenous female students. In the spirit of the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, CFUW-Northumberland is continuing to deepen its knowledge of past and present issues for First Nations, Metis and Inuit people.



CFUW Kitchener-Waterloo book sale

UWC Winnipeg organized a Current World Issues course open to the community which dealt with the threat of terrorism in urban centres; infectious disease concerns for Canada; world hunger and water resources and sustainability.

CFUW Kitchener-Waterloo recently held a book sale wherein 10,000 items were donated. Along with being able to fund scholarships, the sale also put books into the hands of people who can't afford them new, and "we're keeping lots of books out of the landfill."

CFUW Saskatoon has been working with the non-profit organization called "For the Love of Africa" (FTLOA), based in Victoria. Through FTLOA, members have raised funds to build three primary schools, an orphan centre and a medical clinic in Dodoma, Tanzania and are now building a trade school.



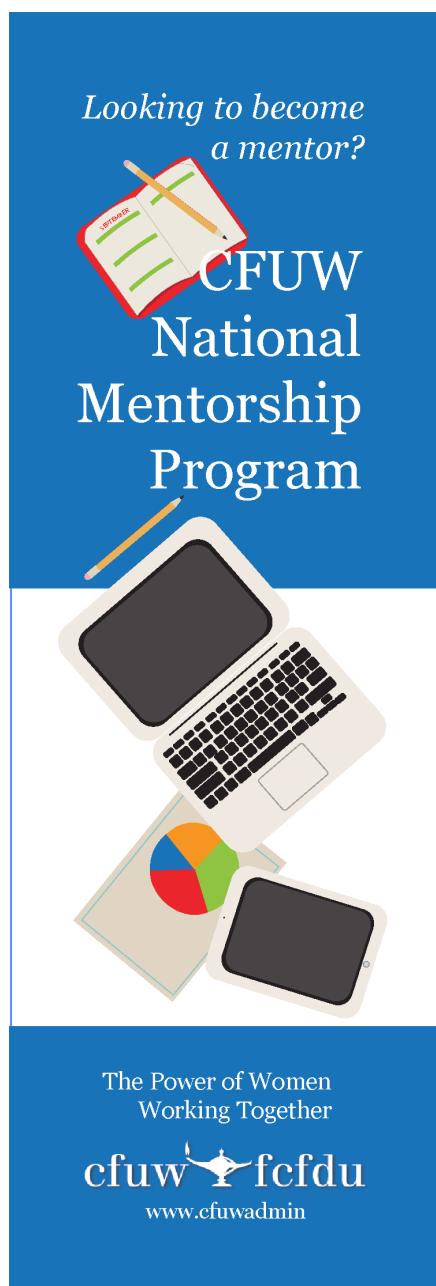
CFUW Nanaimo continued with its Seashore Program, which delivers presentations on intertidal marine life to groups of grade four students in the community. Every spring, club members collect a wide variety of specimens, which are housed in tanks at the Pacific Biological Station for the duration of the five week program. The presentations of the animals and a short lecture are given to the students to emphasize preservation of the marine environment and the characteristics of animals that live between the tides. The program is funded entirely by CFUW Nanaimo.

CFUW provides life-long learning opportunities with many book clubs and lecture series being offered across the country. The national Education committee is involved in the area of early learning and childcare. The Aboriginal Issues Study Group is currently focused on educating CFUW members about Indigenous peoples.

Part of CFUW's mandate is to promote women's leadership and economic empowerment. In this respect, CFUW continued to offer its national mentorship program with a focus on women in the STEM fields, CFUW members who have leadership portfolios and women who are interested in the field of politics. The program links members across Canada to work on initiatives which support women' empowerment and has involved community partners, such as universities.

Both UWC Montreal Lakeshore and CFUW Montreal South Shore Clubs provided financial literacy workshops over the past year.

CFUW Charlottetown continues to award two graduate scholarships of at least \$5000 - one in Arts and Education, and one in Science and Nursing, to students at the University of Prince Edward Island who administers the investment.



The advertisement features a blue background with white text. At the top, it asks, "Looking to become a mentor?" Below this is the title "CFUW National Mentorship Program". In the center, there is a graphic of a laptop, a smartphone, and a pie chart. At the bottom, it says "The Power of Women Working Together" and includes the CFUW logo and website address.

Illustration by Tanis Dennis © 2017

## **SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS: OVER \$1.1 MILLION RAISED IN 2016-2017**

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" – Nelson Mandela

In 2016-17, CFUW Clubs and the CFUW Fellowships Program awarded \$1,126,848 for education. CFUW has been helping women pursue post-secondary studies for over 98 years since its inception in 1919. Profiles of the winners from the 2017 CFUW Fellowships and Awards can be found online at: <http://www.cfuw.org/en-ca/fellowshipsawards/winners2017-2018.aspx>

CFUW Scholarships and Bursaries 2016-2017			
CFUW Region	# of Clubs	Amount	Totals
BC West	11	\$158,836	
BC Interior	5	\$26,325	
BC Vancouver Island	7	\$102,698	
British Columbia	23		\$287,859
Alberta	5	\$62,100	
Saskatchewan	3	\$25,050	
Manitoba	2	\$15,650	
Prairies	10		\$102,800
Ontario North	6	\$32,650	
Ontario West	9	\$72,950	
Ontario Huron	5	\$13,521	
Ontario Central	13	\$119,393	
Ontario East	9	\$90,790	
Ontario South	12	\$108,172	
Ontario	54		\$437,476
Quebec	5		\$78,300
New Brunswick	4	\$46,518	
Nova Scotia	6	\$23,295	
Prince Edward Island	1	\$10,000	
Newfoundland and Labrador	2	\$48,100	
Atlantic	13		\$127,913
	105 clubs		\$1,034,348
CFUW National Fellowships & Awards			\$92,500
CFUW Clubs' Donations to the CFUW Charitable Trust		\$13,716	
Nationwide Total			\$1,126,848

CFUW Clubs demonstrate that women working together is a powerful source of change. Through our network of more than 100 Clubs across Canada within their local communities, and supported by our regional and provincial councils and the CFUW national office, we are helping build a more equitable world for women and girls. Together, we are facilitating positive change locally, provincially, nationally and internationally so that the human rights of all girls and women are respected. Ultimately, we envision a world where poverty is reduced, discrimination and violence eliminated, and where women and girls are fully able to realize their potential through equal opportunities for education, leadership and employment.

CFUW members believe that real social change happens when organizations go outside their own walls and find creative ways to enlist the help of others. What follows are some examples of activities in which CFUW Clubs were involved with other partners this past year.

To coincide with the 100th anniversary of the City of Prince George, CFUW Prince George prepared a fourth Edition of "Street Names of Prince George Our History". The book is used locally as an important reference by the University of Northern B.C., the College of New Caledonia and the Prince George Public Library. Working with a local book store, a public launch of the book was held with the bookstore selling copies of the publication.

Dozens of people, many clutching umbrellas, stood in the rain for up to 30 minutes before the doors opened for the annual book sale at the Niagara Regional Exhibition Grounds, run by CFUW Welland and District. The proceeds are designated for scholarships provided to graduating girls from each of the eight high schools in the CFUW's jurisdiction, as well as community projects.



CFUW Welland & District annual book sale

A collaboration took place in 2016 among the CFUW BC Council, volunteers from a few BC CFUW clubs, the Vancouver Foundation, First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition and VanCity Community Foundation to produce a document reporting on the experiences and suggestions of those who are in, or who were formerly in, government care. The final products are "Coming to Knowing Study Circle Guide on Aging out of Care in BC" and "Action Forum Report of the Aging Out of Care in BC Study Circles Project."



With Canada turning 150 years old, CFUW Oakville decided to reflect on Canada's history and join with the indigenous community to find paths to a better future for us all. The Club invited their members and the public to hear Juno Award-winning singer/songwriter Susan Aglukark share life from her Inuit perspective. Susan's presentation was the Inuit's journey over the last 1000 years, which shed light on the psychological and cultural impacts of the rapid change.

CFUW Yorkton Inc. supports the Royal Canadian Legion by donating a wreath each year on November 11th; it has partnered with Shelwin House, a woman's safe shelter, for International Women's Day and the Club provides refreshments at the Yorkton Arts Council Concerts.

In conjunction with the International Women's Day Committee, CFUW Belleville and District worked to organize a march and presentation in recognition of International Women's Day. The partners of the Committee consisted of representatives from Three Oaks Shelter and Services; Amnesty International; Quinte Grannies for Africa; Quinte Health Care Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Response Program; the Sexual Assault Centre for Quinte and District; Belleville Public Library and John M. Parrott Art Gallery; Red Cedars Shelter; Ontario Native Women's Association; Trenton Military Family Resource Centre and the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario Hastings-Prince Edward.



CFUW Wolfville book sale

CFUW Sudbury, the YWCA and the Women's Legal, Education and Action Fund (LEAF) partnered to organize a public event, which provides female Canadian authors an opportunity to feature their recent books. This event showcased the authors of "Girl Positive.", who talked about the cultural, social and political issues facing girls in today's society.

This year marked the 50th anniversary of the CFUW Wolfville book sale. In the past, and with the proceeds from this year's sale, CFUW Wolfville

supports many local organizations, such as the Annapolis Valley Regional Library, Annapolis Valley Science Fair, the Flower Cart, the Annapolis Valley Music Festival, the S.M.I.L.E. Program at Acadia, the Kings Kikima Grammies, Valley Hospice Foundation and the Wolfville Food Bank.

CFUW Calgary North undertook ongoing fundraising and volunteering in support of several organizations in its community, such as the Calgary Urban Project Society Sheriff King Family Support Centre, One World Child Development Centre (CUPS) and the Women's Emergency Centre.



In conjunction with the Trinity United Church, CFUW St. Catharines co-sponsored a family of Syrian refugees.

CFUW Sherbrooke and District collected furniture to equipment apartments for the Syrian refugees arriving in Sherbrooke. Members also offered English classes to the refugees.

UWC Montreal Inc. has set up a blog on women's issues which is being shared with CFUW clubs and like-minded organizations.

CFUW St John's support of educational and outreach initiatives generated by the over \$67 000 Great Big Book Sale was recognized with an invitation to a reception at Government House. In addition to scholarships and bursaries, funds were distributed to the campus food bank, the Gathering Pace to enhance their Meal Program; to the Association for New Canadians for the Mommy & Me program and the Summer Programs for Youth Newcomers; to the Refugee and Immigrant Advisory Council for educational resources and writing materials.



UWC North York –Walk a Mile in Her Shoes fundraiser



Advocating for policy changes to improve the lives of women and girls in Canada and globally is fundamental to our work at CFUW. We work with decision makers, like-minded organizations and the public to advance our vision of a more just world. We engage governments – municipal, provincial and federal – through advocacy campaigns on social and economic issues affecting women's quality of life and career prospects. Individual Clubs and the regional councils work with local educational institutions, women's shelters, harm and risk reduction organizations and other community groups on specific projects and fund-raising initiatives.

Throughout 2016-2017, CFUW at the national level actively participated in consultations and meetings with politicians and their staff, monitored and responded to Government legislation and prepared briefs to the Government of Canada, including:

- Attended Child Care Roundtable with Minister Jean-Yves Duclos and represented CFUW policy position on creating nationally subsidized child care.
- Represented CFUW at the Precarious Generation Event hosted by NDP MP Nikki Ashton.
- Attended the Roundtable on Employment Insurance with Minister Jean-Yves Duclos to advocate for increased maternity leave at a reasonable rate of pay.
- Met with Gurveen Chadha, Policy Advisor to Kate Young, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transportation, regarding a plan for integrated public transportation.
- Provided feedback to MP Sheila Malcolmson regarding funding from Status of Women Canada to women's groups.
- Responded to the 2017 Budget with a brief on CFUW's positions sent to the Minister of Finance.
- Met with MP Brenda Shanahan to discuss potential support for the upcoming financial literacy bill.
- Attended Innovating for Change: Supporting Women's Organizations' consultation with Global Affairs Canada.
- Created a pre-Budget child care handout and federal template letter for clubs to submit to their MPs.

### **Partnerships & Network Participation**

- Attended Reclaiming the Blue Helmet: AIDS Free World discussion about sexual assault by UN peacekeepers.
- Participated in a series of Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (CNANW) meetings and signed onto the CNANW statement with 40 other organizations to pressure the Government to perform a review of the Defense Policy.
- Attended lecture on Disarmament with the UN High Representative for Disarmament (Mr. Kim Won-Soo).



- Attended the Elizabeth Fry Society Conference.
- Attended "Women's Economic Empowerment in Practice: Addressing Gendered Barriers to Access and Success" hosted by the Aga Khan Foundation.
- Attended the Childcare network meeting.
- Attended the Women, Peace and Security Network Meeting with special guest the Honourable Senator Marilou McPhedran.
- Participated in CARE's Walk in her Shoes event in Ottawa.
- Attended the "Gender Equality Forum" hosted by the UN Global Compact Network Canada.
- Issued a press release condemning the attack on the Quebec Islamic Cultural Centre in Quebec City.

### **Women and Electoral Reform**

In an effort to stimulate the conversation around Electoral Reform, CFUW sent letters to all members of the Committee on Electoral Reform regarding CFUW's stance on changing the electoral system to Proportional Representation. CFUW joined Every Voter Counts Alliance to support electoral reform for Proportional Representation. In collaboration with the Every Voter Counts Alliance, CFUW assisted in securing speakers to appear before the Electoral Reform Committee in various cities across Canada. CFUW staff with a CFUW member presented to the Electoral Reform Committee on Parliament Hill regarding CFUW's position on electoral reform.

CFUW Calgary and CFUW Calgary North co-hosted an information evening on Electoral Reform where speakers addressed the topics of ranked voting and proportional representation.

### **Working Together to End Violence against Women and Girls**

CFUW prepared and submitted a brief on Violence against Women to the Status of Women Committee for their study on Violence against Women and Girls in Canada with a focus on violence against women on campus. Clubs were provided with the Brief on Violence against Women to submit to their own MPs as part of the national consultations by the Committee. Clubs were provided with template letters to urge their MPs to support Bill C-242, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Inflicting Torture) when it went to vote on its 3rd reading.



Sarah Schattmann, Advocacy Coordinator and Members of the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons



CFUW ST. John's made toiletries and hygiene products available to Marguerite's Place and the St. John's Women's centre. New Beginnings Baskets were distributed monthly to women leaving a shelter to start out on their own, and Start-Up Baskets were assembled for the Affordable Housing Units at the Cochrane Centre. Each basket contains basic kitchen supplies, tools, utensils, facecloths and towels, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent and an electric kettle.



CFUW St. Thomas and their Welcome Kits

CFUW Lethbridge continued supplying personal sanitary product in support of Arches' drop in centre for street involved women and men, sex trade workers and women at risk. In the Walking Out Reach Program, staff carry a street kit of products, including those donated by CFUW, to distribute to women at risk.

### **Sexual Assault on Campus**

During the year under review, a CFUW Committee was formed to begin work on the Sexual Assault on Campus Research Project. In support of the Committee, CFUW staff prepared two articles on sexual assault on university campus and interviewed staff at McMaster University about their new program to reduce violence against women.

### **Women in Universities Project**

Original research was undertaken this year by a CFUW Study Group to update the 1992 Women in Universities Survey originally done by CFUW twenty five years ago. In particular, the research is to identify changes to the status of female faculty and students at Canadian universities. The research is to be completed in June 2017.

### **Child Care**

CFUW continued to work on the issue of child care and attended the Child Care Roundtable with Minister Jean-Yves Duclos to represent CFUW's policy position on creating nationally subsidized child care. Clubs were encouraged to take part in the Caregiving Consultations which were held by the Canadian Government. CFUW participated in the Roundtable on Employment Insurance with Minister



Jean-Yves Duclos to advocate for increased maternity leave at a reasonable rate of pay. CFUW also responded to the allotment for child care programming in the 2017 Federal Budget.

### **Regional/Provincial**

During 2016-2017, CFUW regional/provincial councils were very active. Ontario Council prepared several consultative briefs to the Government of Ontario on early learning and child care, gender wage gap, the basic income pilot and water bottling regulations. BC Council worked on the 'Aging Out of Foster Care' project. It encouraged BC clubs to partner with other community groups with similar goals as BC Poverty Coalition to sponsor community events such as election forums. The Quebec Council prepared a brief to government on education including recommendations on the education curricula from kindergarten to CEGEP with the objective of reducing the dropout rate in Quebec. Prairie Clubs focused their efforts on initiatives related to violence against women – specifically, human trafficking, harassment in the workplace and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women; electoral reform and early learning and childcare. CFUW St. John's hosted the Atlantic Regional Council AGM and Conference. The theme - The Power of 'We' - engaged CFUW and public participants in sharing and learning how women working together can advance both women and communities at the local, national and international levels.

### **Local**

CFUW clubs were very effective in 2016-2017 in raising awareness about issues affecting women and girls in their communities.

CFUW Milton and District again partnered with Milton Transitional Housing (MTH) this past year to assist in organizing the Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) walk fundraiser. MTH provides assistance to families and individuals facing a housing crisis in Milton in overcoming the challenges that prevent them from securing and maintaining a stable, affordable home. CFUW Milton and District had a team walking; members welcomed participants, helped with registration, served food and acted as route rangers.

CFUW Milton and District also organized a march for International Women's Day carrying signs that read, "International Women's Day", "Gender Parity Now" and "#BeBoldForChange".



CFUW Milton & District IWD march





CFUW Milton & District IWD march

A number of women from various community partners joined the CFUW club for the event.

In February, CFUW Etobicoke held its fourth annual Valentine's Stop the Violence Breakfast in support of their local Women's Shelter.

Realizing that some 200 women and children who experience domestic violence in the community of Delta are sent elsewhere for safety, members of CFUW South Delta presented a proposal to the Corporation of Delta Mayor and Council and a house owned by the Corporation was subsequently identified and donated to the project. The members of the Club prepared a grant proposal to the federal

government for renovation funding which was approved and a proposal to the Provincial Government Housing Commission was submitted to obtain operational funding. It was the opinion of B.C. Housing that monies needed to operate the transition house would be better served with a larger house and the project was subsequently turned over to the Corporation of Delta. Thanks in large part to CFUW South Delta, this is the first New Transition House in British Columbia in 10 years.

AFDU Quebec joined the provincial group advocating wage parity in Quebec.

### International

CFUW led a delegation of 20 women to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW) where meetings were held with other NGOs and Graduate Women International. At the conference, CFUW hosted a Parallel Event with the YWCA entitled "Mentorship, Women's Economic Empowerment in the Changing World of Work" and was invited to present an Oral Statement in the General Assembly for ministers of government. CFUW President, Grace Hollett, and VP International, Cheryl Hayles attended a meeting with Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative, Michael Grant, to deliver a paper and discuss CFUW's response to the Draft Agreed Conclusions being negotiated by government representatives.



Other work that CFUW undertook on international advocacy during 2016-2017:

### Government Relations

- Attended the Human Rights Consultation with Global Affairs Canada.
- Met with the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ms. Pamela Goldsmith-Jones in our capacity as a member of the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. Canada's stance on Resolution L.41, which is going to a vote in December at the General Assembly was discussed and Ms. Goldsmith-Jones was encouraged to change Canada's vote to a "Yes" or an "Abstain".
- Attended Mainstreaming the Women Peace and Security Agenda: Roundtable with Global Affairs Canada.
- Signed on to the Feminist Alliance for International Action letter to Justin Trudeau and Patty Hajdu, former Minister of the Status of Women, regarding Canada's commitment to Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and following through on the Conclusions from the 65th Session.



Cheryl Hayles, Sandy Thomson, Doris Mae Oulton, Madeline Kalbach at the UNCSW

### Partnerships & Network Participation

- In recognition of International Women's Day, clubs contributed monies to InterPares to assist in efforts to overcome violence against women in El Salvador.
- Attended Reclaiming the Blue Helmet: AIDS Free World discussion about sexual assault by UN peacekeepers.
- Attended a lecture on disarmament with the UN High Representative for Disarmament (Mr. Kim Won-Soo).

### Advocacy on CFUW Policy

- CFUW signed onto the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (CNANW) statement with 40 other organizations to pressure the Government to perform a review of the Defense Policy.
- Staff represented CFUW and chaired a panel at the Canadians for Nuclear Non-proliferation



and Disarmament Conference.

- CFUW signed on to the Joint Statement against President Trump's Global Gag Rule Re-enactment which negatively affects global programming for maternal health, family planning, HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment, strengthening of health systems, and the provision of essential health services to survivors of gender-based violence.

## United Nations

- Submitted CFUW's CEDAW Shadow Report.
- Signed on to the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security open letter to the UN.
- Staff coordinated with other groups based in Ottawa on how to work together and lobby effectively at UNCSW61. In this respect, numerous meetings were held with the Canadian Labour Congress, Canadian Union of Postal Workers, CUPE, AIDS Free World, Oxfam, and the Women Peace and Security Network.
- CFUW submitted a brief to UN Women regarding their consultation on Prostitution and Sex Work.



CFUW North Toronto – UN Orange Campaign



CFUW works hard to provide services and support to its members. National staff responded to approximately 2,200 inquiries from CFUW members and sent out 3,300 club supply items. Costs were closely monitored and we came in with a small surplus for the year ending April 30. In an effort to keep the Clubs apprised of developments, the National President sent out regular updates to Club Presidents. The Membership Committee awarded grants to nine small Clubs to attend the Richmond, B.C. AGM. The Committee has been studying generational differences in women's interests and what attracts them in an effort to see how to recruit members across the board by generation. Committee members will be sharing their research with Clubs at the AGM.



Carol Bell Thompson, CFUW Ottawa; Ashley Saunders, Student - Algonquin College Archives & Records Management Program; Joan McKee, CFUW Ottawa; Patricia Troughton, CFUW Ottawa

The CFUW Ottawa members volunteered to identify archival photographs at the National Office to assist Ashley with listing the CFUW archival materials.

The Indigenous Study Group has organized and is making available films through an Indigenous Film Festival to help members learn more about our First Nations, Métis and Inuit heritage. The Study Group is also planning a webinar for members to discuss the films.

A discussion forum has been set up to give members an opportunity to discuss topics of interest to them. Webinars were offered to members this past year on fundraising, how to prepare motions, child care and electoral reform.

New member benefit programs were established with Via Rail, Avis-Budget, Lenovo (technology), InterCall (conference calls/webinars), UPS and Novexco (office supplies).

Staff worked with CFUW Lethbridge to assist them with the maintenance of their website and assisted CFUW Perth and District in updating their website.



# CFUW Clubs Across Canada as of April 30, 2017

## **BC WEST**

Abbotsford  
Coquitlam  
New Westminster  
North Delta/Surrey  
North Vancouver  
Richmond  
South Delta  
Sunshine Coast  
Vancouver  
West Vancouver  
White Rock/Surrey

## **BC INTERIOR**

Cranbrook &  
District  
Kelowna  
Nelson & District  
Prince George  
Vernon

## **BC VANCOUVER ISLAND**

Comox Valley  
Cowichan Valley  
Nanaimo  
Parksville-Qualicum  
Saanich Peninsula  
Salt Spring Island  
Victoria

## **ALBERTA**

Calgary  
Calgary North  
Edmonton  
Lethbridge  
Strathcona County

## **SASKATCHEWAN**

Prince Albert  
Saskatoon  
Yorkton

## **MANITOBA**

Portage la Prairie  
Winnipeg

## **ONTARIO NORTH**

Haliburton Highlands  
Muskoka  
North Bay  
Orillia  
Sudbury  
Thunder Bay

## **ONTARIO SOUTH**

Brampton  
Brantford  
Burlington  
Georgetown  
Grimsby  
Hamilton  
Milton & District  
Mississauga  
Niagara Falls  
Oakville  
St. Catharines  
Welland & District

## **ONTARIO WEST**

Cambridge  
Chatham-Kent  
Guelph  
Kitchener-Waterloo  
London  
Sarnia/Lambton  
St. Thomas  
Stratford  
Windsor

## **ONTARIO CENTRAL**

Ajax-Pickering  
Aurora-Newmarket  
Barrie & District  
Etobicoke  
Leaside-East York  
Markham-Unionville  
North Toronto  
North York  
Northumberland  
Oshawa & District  
Scarborough  
Toronto  
Vaughan

## **ONTARIO EAST**

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