

# *Feminist Agenda*

## **To Do List**

- Buy groceries
- End poverty
- Achieve gender equality
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*2017-2018*



CANADA WITHOUT POVERTY  
CANADA SANS PAUVRETÉ

## **Poverty is Sexist.**

We know that poverty disproportionately impacts different marginalized groups in Canada, including women. The 2017 priority theme for the UN Commission on the Status of Women is “Women’s economic empowerment in the changing world of work”, making the relationship between gender discrimination and economic inequality even more relevant.

For this year’s International Women’s Day, we’ve highlighted some shocking statistics, some remarkable women in Canada, and some important dates. Let’s make 2017 the year we put gender equality on our agenda!

Learn more about poverty at [www.cwp-csp.ca](http://www.cwp-csp.ca).

# March 2017

|        |  | Wednesday                                     | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun 5  |
|--------|--|---|----------|--------|------------|
|        |  | 1   | 2        | 3      | 4          |
| Monday | Tuesday  | Wednesday<br><i>International Women's Day</i> | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun 12 |
| 6      | 7  | 8   | 9        | 10     | 11         |
| Monday | Tuesday  | Wednesday                                     | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun 19 |
| 13     | 14   | 15  | 16       | 17     | 18         |
| Monday | Tuesday<br><i>International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</i> | Wednesday                                     | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun 26 |
| 20     | 21   | 22  | 23       | 24     | 25         |
| Monday | Tuesday  | Wednesday                                     | Thursday | Friday |            |
| 27     | 28   | 29  | 30       | 31     |            |

# Notes

March 24, 1954  
Rosemarie Kuptana, Inuit rights activist, was born

More than 1.5 million women in Canada are living on a low-income. Women are more likely to be poor for many reasons, including: 1) Women spend more time doing unpaid work, leaving less time for paid work and 2) women face a gender pay gap.

# April 2017

|        |         |           |          |                              |               |
|--------|---------|-----------|----------|------------------------------|---------------|
|        |         | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday                       | Sat/Sun<br>2  |
|        |         |           |          |                              | 1             |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday                       | Sat/Sun<br>9  |
| 3      | 4       | 5         | 6        | 7<br><i>World Health Day</i> | 8             |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday                       | Sat/Sun<br>16 |
| 10     | 11      | 12        | 13       | 14                           | 15            |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday                       | Sat/Sun<br>23 |
| 17     | 18      | 19        | 20       | 21                           | 22            |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday                       | 30            |
| 24     | 25      | 26        | 27       | 28                           | 29            |

# Notes

April 2, 1991  
Rita Margaret Johnston became first female premier in Canada

People with disabilities (both mental and physical) are twice as likely to live below the poverty line. Nearly 15% of people with disabilities live in poverty, 59% of whom are women.

# May 2017

| Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday       | Thursday       | Friday       | Sat/Sun                                    |
|--|---|-----------------|----------------|--------------|--|
| Monday<br><i>International Worker's Day</i><br>1 | Tuesday<br>2  | Wednesday<br>3  | Thursday<br>4  | Friday<br>5  | Sat/Sun<br>6<br>7                          |
| Monday<br>8                                      | Tuesday<br>9  | Wednesday<br>10 | Thursday<br>11 | Friday<br>12 | Sat/Sun<br>13<br>14<br><i>Mother's Day</i> |
| Monday<br>15                                     | Tuesday<br><i>International Day of Families</i><br>16 | Wednesday<br>17 | Thursday<br>18 | Friday<br>19 | Sat/Sun<br>20<br>21                        |
| Monday<br>22                                     | Tuesday<br>23   | Wednesday<br>24 | Thursday<br>25 | Friday<br>26 | Sat/Sun<br>27<br>28                        |
| Monday<br>29                                     | Tuesday<br>30   | Wednesday<br>31 |                |              |  |

# Notes

Feminist & pioneer for women's suffrage <sup>May 19, 1880</sup> Idola Saint-Jean was born

Almost half of parents in Canada report using some form of childcare, but many low-income parents pay out of pocket for considerable sums in many of Canadian cities (if they can afford to use regulated childcare).



# June 2017

|              |   |                 |  |              |                     |
|--------------|---|-----------------|--|--------------|---------------------|
|              |   |                 | Thursday<br><i>International Children's Day</i><br>1 | Friday<br>2  | Sat/Sun<br>3<br>4   |
| Monday<br>5  | Tuesday<br>6                              | Wednesday<br>7  | Thursday<br>8  | Friday<br>9  | Sat/Sun<br>10<br>11 |
| Monday<br>12 | Tuesday<br>13                             | Wednesday<br>14 | Thursday<br>15                                       | Friday<br>16 | Sat/Sun<br>17<br>18 |
| Monday<br>19 | Tuesday<br><i>World Refugee Day</i><br>20 | Wednesday<br>21 | Thursday<br>22                                       | Friday<br>23 | Sat/Sun<br>24<br>25 |
| Monday<br>26 | Tuesday<br>27                             | Wednesday<br>28 | Thursday<br>29                                       | Friday<br>30 |                     |

# Notes

June 2, 2014  
CWPE Executive Director Leilani Farha assumed the role of UN Special Rapporteur on Housing

1.3 million children in Canada live in poverty – that's one in five. More than one-third of food bank users across Canada were children in 2016, and one in seven of shelter users are children.

# July 2017

|  |         |           |          |        |               |
|--|---------|-----------|----------|--------|---------------|
|  |         |           |          |        | Sat/Sun<br>2  |
|  |         |           |          |        | 1             |
| Monday                                       | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun<br>9  |
| 3  | 4       | 5         | 6        | 7      | 8             |
| Monday                                       | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun<br>16 |
| 10   | 11      | 12        | 13       | 14     | 15            |
| Monday                                       | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun<br>23 |
| <i>Day for<br/>International<br/>Justice</i> |         |           |          |        |               |
| 17   | 18      | 19        | 20       | 21     | 22            |
| Monday 31                                    | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun 30    |
| 24   | 25      | 26        | 27       | 28     | 29            |

# Notes

Feminist & founder of the League of Human Rights Thérèse Casgrain was born July 10, 1896

One in five racialized families live in poverty in Canada, compared to one in 20 non-racialized families. Overall, racialized women earn 32% less at work and racialized women living in poverty are twice as likely to work in manufacturing than other women living in poverty.

# August 2017

|              |               |                 |  |              |                     |
|--------------|---------------|-----------------|--|--------------|---------------------|
|              | Tuesday<br>1  | Wednesday<br>2  | Thursday<br>3  | Friday<br>4  | Sat/Sun<br>5<br>6   |
| Monday<br>7  | Tuesday<br>8  | Wednesday<br>9  | Thursday<br>10<br><i>Indigenous<br/>People's Day</i> | Friday<br>11 | Sat/Sun<br>12<br>13 |
| Monday<br>14 | Tuesday<br>15 | Wednesday<br>16 | Thursday<br>17                                       | Friday<br>18 | Sat/Sun<br>19<br>20 |
| Monday<br>21 | Tuesday<br>22 | Wednesday<br>23 | Thursday<br>24                                       | Friday<br>25 | Sat/Sun<br>26<br>27 |
| Monday<br>28 | Tuesday<br>29 | Wednesday<br>30 | Thursday<br>31                                       |              |                     |

# Notes

August 30, 1972  
Rosemary Brown became the first black woman elected to provincial legislature

Indigenous people in Canada are over-represented among shelter users, food bank users, and homeless populations. 37% of First Nations women living off-reserve and 23% of Métis and Inuit women (living in the provinces) experience poverty.

# September 2017

|              |   |                 |   |              |                     |
|--------------|---|-----------------|---|--------------|---------------------|
|              |   |                 |   | Friday<br>1  | Sat/Sun<br>2<br>3   |
| Monday<br>4  | Tuesday<br>5<br><i>International Day of Charity</i> | Wednesday<br>6  | Thursday<br>7                                       | Friday<br>8  | Sat/Sun<br>9<br>10  |
| Monday<br>11 | Tuesday<br>12                                       | Wednesday<br>13 | Thursday<br>14                                      | Friday<br>15 | Sat/Sun<br>16<br>17 |
| Monday<br>18 | Tuesday<br>19                                       | Wednesday<br>20 | Thursday<br>21<br><i>International Day of Peace</i> | Friday<br>22 | Sat/Sun<br>23<br>24 |
| Monday<br>25 | Tuesday<br>26                                       | Wednesday<br>27 | Thursday<br>28                                      | Friday<br>29 | Saturday<br>30      |

# Notes

September 18, 1923

Bertha Wilson, first woman appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada, was born

21% of single mothers in Canada raise their children in poverty, compared to 7% of single fathers. 80% of all lone-parent families are headed by women and women parenting on their own enter shelters at twice the rate of two-parent families.



# October 2017

October is Women's History Month!

|              |  |   |                |              | Sunday              |
|--------------|--|---|----------------|--------------|---------------------|
|              |  |   |                |              | 1                   |
| Monday<br>2  | Tuesday<br>3   | Wednesday<br>4<br><i>National Day of<br/>Action for Missing<br/>and Murdered<br/>Indigenous Women</i> | Thursday<br>5  | Friday<br>6  | Sat/Sun<br>7<br>8   |
| Monday<br>9  | Tuesday<br>10  | Wednesday<br>11<br><i>International<br/>Day of<br/>the Girl</i>                                       | Thursday<br>12 | Friday<br>13 | Sat/Sun<br>14<br>15 |
| Monday<br>16 | Tuesday<br>17<br><i>International<br/>Day for the<br/>Eradication<br/>of Poverty</i> | Wednesday<br>18<br><i>Persons<br/>Day</i>   | Thursday<br>19 | Friday<br>20 | Sat/Sun<br>21<br>22 |
| Monday 30    | Tuesday 31   |   |                |              | 29                  |
| 23           | 24   | 25  | 26             | 27           | 28                  |

# Notes

October 18, 1929

Date of the Privy Council decision in "the Persons Case" fought by the Famous Five

One in eight households in Canada struggle to put food on the table and 3.2 million people, including nearly one million children, experienced food insecurity in 2014. Every month, an average of 850,000 people in Canada use a food bank to get by.

# November 2017

|        |         |           |          |        |   |
|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|---|
|        |         | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun 5                                       |
|        |         | 1         | 2        | 3      | 4   |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun 12                                      |
| 6      | 7       | 8         | 9        | 10     | 11  |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun 19                                      |
| 13     | 14      | 15        | 16       | 17     | 18  |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun 26                                      |
| 20     | 21      | 22        | 23       | 24     | 25<br><i>Violence<br/>Against<br/>Women Day</i> |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |        |   |
| 27     | 28      | 29        | 30       |        |   |

# Notes

November 8, 1946  
Civil rights icon Viola Desmond challenged racial segregation at a NS theatre

Domestic violence is a leading cause of homelessness for women and families and when women become homeless, they are also at an increased risk of physical and sexual violence. On an average night in Canada, 3,491 women & their 2,724 children sleep in shelters because it isn't safe at home.

# December 2017

|              |               |   |                |              |   |
|--------------|---------------|---|----------------|--------------|---|
|              |               |   |                | Friday<br>1  | Sat/Sun<br>2<br>3                                 |
| Monday<br>4  | Tuesday<br>5  | Wednesday<br>6<br><i>National Day of<br/>Remembrance &amp;<br/>Action on Violence<br/>Against Women</i> | Thursday<br>7  | Friday<br>8  | Sat/Sun<br>9<br>10<br><i>Human Rights<br/>Day</i> |
| Monday<br>11 | Tuesday<br>12 | Wednesday<br>13   | Thursday<br>14 | Friday<br>15 | Sat/Sun<br>16<br>17                               |
| Monday<br>18 | Tuesday<br>19 | Wednesday<br>20   | Thursday<br>21 | Friday<br>22 | Sat/Sun<br>23<br>24                               |
| Monday<br>25 | Tuesday<br>26 | Wednesday<br>27   | Thursday<br>28 | Friday<br>29 | Sat/Sun<br>30<br>31                               |

# Notes

December 6, 1921  
Agnes MacPhail became the first female MP in the House of Commons

What does international human rights law say about women and poverty? The *Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women* specifically notes that in situations of poverty, women have the least access to food, health, education, & opportunities for employment.

# January 2018

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday  | Friday | Sat/Sun |
|--------|---------|-----------|---|--------|---------|
| 1      | 2       | 3         | 4   | 5      | 6 7     |
| 8      | 9       | 10        | 11<br><i>International<br/>Parity at Work Day</i> | 12     | 13 14   |
| 15     | 16      | 17        | 18  | 19     | 20 21   |
| 22     | 23      | 24        | 25  | 26     | 27 28   |
| 29     | 30      | 31        |   |        |         |

# Notes

January 28, 1916

Manitoba became the first province to grant women the right to vote

The gender wage gap is complex to calculate, but it's not a myth. When you compare annual earnings of full-time workers, women workers in Canada earn an average of 72 cents for every dollar earned by men.



# February 2018

|        |   |           |          |        |         |
|--------|---|-----------|----------|--------|---------|
|        |   |           | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun |
|        |   |           | 1        | 2      | 3       |
| Monday | Tuesday                                   | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun |
| 5      | 6   | 7         | 8        | 9      | 10      |
| Monday | Tuesday                                   | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun |
| 12     | 13  | 14        | 15       | 16     | 17      |
| Monday | Tuesday                                   | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun |
| 19     | 20<br><i>World Social<br/>Justice Day</i> | 21        | 22       | 23     | 24      |
| Monday | Tuesday                                   | Wednesday |          |        |         |
| 26     | 27  | 28        |          |        |         |

# Notes

February 10, 1947

Louise Arbour, first Canadian UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, was born

**Precarious employment & income inequality are on the rise in Canada. Precarious employment – contract work, short-term roles without benefits, and “gig economy” jobs – has risen nearly 50% in the last two decades, and poor women are more likely to have precarious jobs.**

# March 2018

|        |         |   |                                       |        |          |
|--------|---------|---|---------------------------------------|--------|----------|
|        |         |   | Thursday                              | Friday | Sat/Sun  |
|        |         |   | 1                                     | 2      | 3        |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday   | Thursday                              | Friday | Sat/Sun  |
| 5      | 6       | 7   | 8<br><i>International Women's Day</i> | 9      | 10       |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday   | Thursday                              | Friday | Sat/Sun  |
| 12     | 13      | 14  | 15                                    | 16     | 17       |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday   | Thursday                              | Friday | Sat/Sun  |
| 19     | 20      | 21<br><i>International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</i> | 22                                    | 23     | 24       |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday   | Thursday                              | Friday | Saturday |
| 26     | 27      | 28  | 29                                    | 30     | 31       |

# Notes

March 22, 1909

Gabrielle Roy, author whose novels featured poverty in Montreal, was born

“Women need: income equality, equal pay, decent jobs, affordable childcare and housing, adequate legal aid, access to sexual and reproductive healthcare, sufficient protection from violence, and a justice system that responds to their needs in all parts of the country. Women in Canada do not have that yet.” – Leilani Farha, Executive Director of Canada Without Poverty



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## Resources

Interested in learning more?  
Check out these sites for more information.

Canada Without Poverty's Just the Facts

<http://www.cwp-csp.ca/poverty/just-the-facts-poverty-info/>

Canadian Women's Foundation

<http://www.canadianwomen.org/facts-about-women-and-poverty>

DAWN Canada Fact Sheets on Women with Disabilities

<http://www.dawncanada.net/issues/issues/fact-sheets-2/>

Statistics Canada's First Nations, Métis and Inuit Women Report

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/89-503-x/2010001/article/11442-eng.htm>

Status of Women Canada

<http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/>

UN Commission on the Status of Women

<http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw>

*UN Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women*

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/>