

We're pleased to share the **second edition** of Forward in the Field, our ongoing email series dedicated to highlighting active community-based and academic research projects that address gender-based violence (GBV) across Canada.

What is Forward in the Field?

Forward in the Field is an ongoing Learning Network email series that highlights active community-based and academic research projects, including initiatives such as accessible virtual trainings, workshops, and campaigns, all aimed at addressing GBV across Canada.

The series is designed to support broader community efforts by offering a platform to share research project information and expand outreach and recruitment. In doing so, we aim to foster a more dynamic, interconnected network of organizations and individuals united in addressing and responding to GBV.

Check out the community-based and academic research projects and initiatives featured in the second edition of *Forward in the Field* below!

Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting Training Module for Canadian Professionals

Led by: [End Female Genital Mutilation Canada Network](#)

A series of trauma-informed, online, interactive training modules for professionals working within female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) impacted communities across Canada to spot and protect girls at risk and to give trauma-informed culturally sensitive care to FGM/C survivors. Developed in collaboration with survivors and subject matter experts in the fields of medicine, mental health, education, social work, and law enforcement.

Duration: Ongoing



Safe Outside the System (SOS)

Led by: [Coverdale Justice Society](#)

A unique program that offers essential services rooted in community such as education, resources, and support to queer and trans folks experiencing intimate partner violence.

Duration: 3 years



Skilled Trades Workplaces: Engaging and Mobilizing Men as Allies to Prevent GBV

Led by: [Canadian Coalition of Women in Engineering, Science, Trades & Technology](#)

A multi-provincial (Manitoba, Ontario, BC, NB, & NS) project to strengthen the GBV sector by scaling multiple promising practices to address systemic factors in skilled trades workplaces. This project will engage and mobilize men as allies to prevent and end GBV in skilled trades workplaces through collaborative partnerships, knowledge-sharing, and employing an intersectional approach.

Duration: November 2023 - March 2026



Women-Centred Housing Design and Knowledge Action Report

Led by: [BC Society of Transition Houses](#)

A comprehensive toolkit aimed at informing the design of appropriate and accessible long-term housing for women and their children after violence, with a focus on intersectional gender-sensitive and violence-and trauma-informed

design. The toolkit looks at how women-centred housing design has been applied at three case study sites and how women with experiences of violence experience their housing when it is designed with efficient, safe, and accessible features.

Duration: 2021 - 2024



Case Management Foundations

Led by: [*Alberta Council of Women's Shelters*](#)

A self-paced online training designed to empower participants with the knowledge and skills needed to provide survivor-centred care through key practice frameworks including feminist leadership, trauma-informed care, and intersectional practice.

Duration: Ongoing



Initiative to End GBV Online Training Focused on Immigrant and Refugee Communities

Led by: [*OCASI - Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants*](#)

A series of online courses developed to help front-line practitioners, service providers, and organizational leaders working with immigrant and refugee communities to better understand issues of GBV and develop supportive responses for survivors with intersectional identities.

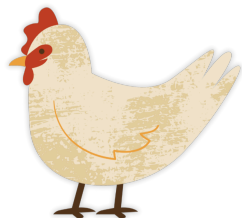
Duration: Ongoing



Research Study: The Impact of the Bond Between Survivors of Gender-Based Violence & Larger Companion, Farmed, & Working Animals

If you are interested in learning more and/or participating in the study, email susan.oneill@smu.ca

The purpose of this study is to research the impact of the bond between survivors of gender-based violence and their working, farmed, and larger companion animals. This study looks at how these bonds impact the survivor's safety decision making,



particularly in rural, remote, northern, and farming communities. This study is looking to interview survivors of GBV with these animals, as well as facilitate focus groups for service providers who work with survivors of GBV in rural, remote, northern, and farming communities.

Duration: November 2024 - April 2025

Thank you for your contributions to this second edition!

Submit your project for the next series!

As we continue to develop Forward in the Field, we invite you to submit your community-based or academic projects and initiatives for consideration in future editions.

We are looking for currently active projects, including trainings, workshops, and campaigns. During our selection process, we prioritize workshops and trainings that offer online or virtual access, especially those that are provided free of charge. This approach helps ensure broader access and encourages participation from diverse audiences within the GBV sector.



While we strive to include as many submissions as possible, please note that the number of projects featured will depend on our capacity and the order in which submissions are received.

We look forward to your contributions and collaborating to make Forward in the Field a success! Please click below to complete the submission form.

Access the submission form here