

JUSTICE FOR GIRLS

Newsletter

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Intergenerational, Social, Environmental and Indigenous Justice for Girls

Here's what's happened since our last newsletter:

FFRF Update (WAGE Canada)

JFG is conducting a project on mapping violence against teenage girls, as there is lack of research in the area. We are excited to announce that we have started recruitment and are now in the process of finding girls (12-18) to participate in one-on-one interviews and focus groups.

Our Mandate

Justice for Girls is a Canadian non-profit organization and registered charity that promotes equality, freedom from violence & colonialism, and the health & well being of teenage girls who live in poverty.

For more information or to register as a research participant for the Mapping Violence project, contact:

Girls in Vancouver/ Lower Mainland email:
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Girls in Northern/ Remote communities email:
Maggie@justiceforgirls.org
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YOUTH STOP TMX & DINO'S IN COURT

JFG attended and monitored the court case of two young women facing charges in relation to protesting the TMX pipeline. The two young women were arrested in May 2022 after playing a game of badminton inside a TMX construction zone in dinosaur costumes. The two young women were not given a chance to leave or read the injunction before being arrested. Both were sentenced to jail time and a \$1240 restitution to the Trans Mountain corporation.

The TMX pipeline threatens the environment, with a 79% - 87% chance of oil spillage and disproportionately impacts the health and welling being of Indigenous peoples, particularly women and girls. Justice for Girls continues to support and applaud the work of land defenders on the front lines.



LA ROSE VS. HIS MAJESTY THE KING



In 2019, fifteen youth filed a climate lawsuit, *La Rose vs. His Majesty the King*, claiming that the Canadian government is contributing to dangerous climate change. The court case argues that youth are already harmed by climate change, and thus the Canadian government is in violation of youth rights to life, liberty, and security of the person under section 7 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The lawsuit asks the Federal Canadian government to declare that Canada's actions are in violation of the Charter and that Canada implement a climate recovery action plan.



NORTHERN TRIP



JFG's Director of Communications and Engagement, Savannah Norman, and our Northern Advocacy lead, Maggie Korolyk, traveled to Northern BC to conduct rights workshops and focus groups to teenage girls living in Prince George, and a couple remote Indigenous communities.

GIRLS ADVISORY COMITTEE

JFG has started conducting focus groups with teenage girls (12-18), to better understand the needs and concerns for girls and young women when it comes to violence and safety.

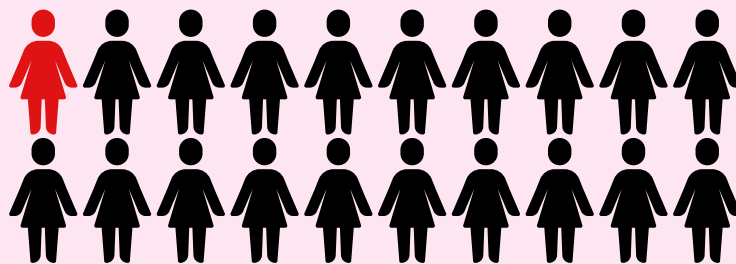
To find out more about our girls' advisory committees, please email: savanah@justiceforgirls.org

MEMORIAL MARCH

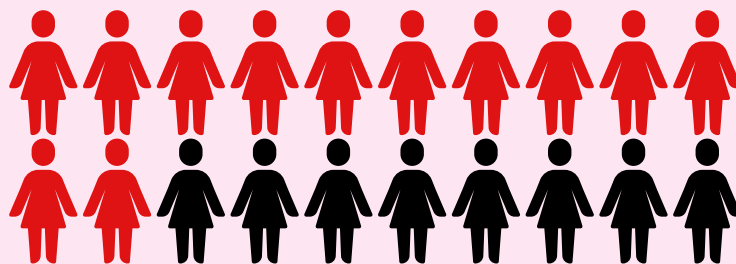
The JFG team attended the annual Women's Memorial March on February 14 to raise awareness about the MMIWG2S crisis.



Indigenous women are 12x more likely to go missing or be murdered compared to other women in Canada.



Other women in Canada



Indigenous women

YWCA NOMINATIONS & INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Our director of Indigenous Rights & Environmental Justice, Zoë Craig-Sparrow & our board member, Margot Young have been nominated for the YWCA 2023 Women of Distinction Awards. (RIGHT)



Our director of Communications & Engagement, Savannah Norman & IREJ director, Zoë, at the Equality Breakfast hosted by West Coast Leaf for International Women's Day. (LEFT)