

CFUW Statement on the Côte-des-Neiges Shooting on Monday June 22, 2026

CFUW stands in solidarity with the Côte-des-Neiges and Montreal communities who are currently dealing with the aftermath of a shooting that occurred on Monday afternoon. We offer our most sincere sympathies to the families and loved ones of the victims, Mohamed Lamine Benredouane and Michel/Michael Mizrahi, and support for all affected.

As a women's organization that works to improve the status of women in all their diversity by promoting human rights and social justice, we feel compelled to highlight the dangers of anti-feminism and misogyny and the threat they pose to everyone, not just women.

It has been [reported](#) that this shooting was motivated by a range of ideologies, including anti-feminist and incel rhetoric. Incel ("involuntarily celibate") is defined by Oxford Languages as "a member of an online community of young men who consider themselves unable to attract women sexually, typically associated with views that are hostile toward women and men who are sexually active." Incel culture is often linked with radicalized young men, several of whom have been motivated to commit acts of violence or encourage others to do so ([Halls, 2018](#)). Understanding and recognizing incel rhetoric is essential in advocacy against violence against women, as it has become an evolving form of misogyny that, left unchecked, can result in extreme acts of violence, such as the one that took place this week in Montreal, the Toronto van attack in 2018 and the stabbing at a massage parlour in Toronto in 2020.

It is regrettable that anti-feminist rhetoric has inspired yet another act of gun violence in Montreal. Anti-feminism and misogyny must be challenged at every opportunity. The impact of gun violence on the Montreal community will be long-lasting, and it demonstrates that violence against women and misogyny have widespread consequences. Combating violence against women helps make communities across Canada safer and ensures women are able to participate freely and equitably in society.

If you are able to, please consider supporting these organizations in Montreal that support women who have been affected by violence:

[Regroupement des maisons pour femmes victimes de violence conjugale | Avec 42 maisons membres implan...](#)

[La rue des Femmes | Centre de santé relationnelle au cœur de l'itinérance](#)

<https://lechainon.org/en/>

<https://chezdoris.org/en/home/>

<https://www.aubergeshalom.org/>

<https://www.nwsm.info/>

If you would like to educate yourself about the dangers of anti-feminist rhetoric and incel rhetoric, please check the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women (CRIAW).

CRIAW Action Guide :



- <https://www.criaw-icref.ca/publications/in-our-own-words/>
- <https://www.criaw-icref.ca/publications/resource-guide-1-kitchen-table-conversation-starters>
- <https://www.criaw-icref.ca/publications/advocating-for-institutional-change-in-canada/>

CRIAW Publications:

- [Anti-Gender Movements and Threats to Feminist Progress - CRIAW](#)
- <https://www.criaw-icref.ca/publications/impacts-of-anti-feminism-and-regressive-movements-in-canada...>
- Countering the Rise of Anti-Feminism resources <https://www.criaw-icref.ca/our-work/research-projects/strengthening-feminist-intersectional-solidar...>