

2024-2025 YEAR AT A GLANCE



2024 CFUW ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WOMEN STANDING STRONG



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Realizing potential. For all women.
Le pouvoir par le savoir.

OUR VISION

Women and girls are educated and empowered to make transformative change in the world.



OUR MISSION

Achieve educational and economic equality and social justice through continuous learning and empowerment.



MEET THE TEAM

2024-25 was a year of many changes - some of which included new staff at the National Office. If you haven't had a chance to meet our staff, here is an introduction!



Jaime Beagan, Executive Director

(she/her)

Jaime joined the National Team in February 2023. She completed her degree in Criminology, Justice, and Policy Studies at Ontario Tech and her Master's in International Security and Conflict from DCU (Dublin City University). She has been involved and working in the not-for-profit sector for over 15 years.



Elizabeth Malcolm, Membership Engagement Coordinator

(she/her)

Elizabeth joined CFUW in December 2023. She has a varied background in communications and member-focused organizations as well as Canadian history and politics. She works to ensure members are being heard and advocated for.



Mabinty Touré, Administrative Assistant

(she/her)

Mabinty joined CFUW in November 2024. She holds a Joint Honours degree in Sociology and Anthropology from the University of Ottawa. Passionate about social justice, she enjoys staying engaged in her community through volunteer work. Her experience supporting boards and organizing aligns with her commitment to empowering marginalized voices.



Kenzie Zimmer, Former National Advocacy and Policy Specialist

(she/her)

As of May 23, 2025, Kenzie took a position with the Canadian Medical Association, as part of their Government Relations team. In her time at CFUW, Kenzie engaged in advocacy at the national and international level to advance CFUW's mission. Best of luck to Kenzie in her new role!

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CFUW
MEMBERS

90

CFUW CLUBS
ACROSS CANADA

47

CLUBS EXPERIENCED AN INCREASE IN
MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS, WITH 21 CLUBS
SURPASSING A +10% INCREASE!

26

STUDENT
MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP INCREASES

- CFUW Nepean (+30%)
- AFDU Montérégie (+26%)
- CFUW Haliburton Highlands (+24%)
- CFUW Milton and District (+19%)
- CFUW Halifax (+18%)
- CFUW Kingston (+18%)
- CFUW Fredericton (+16%)
- CFUW Peterborough (+14%)
- CFUW Salt Spring Island (+14%)
- CFUW Perth and District (+14%)
- CFUW Grimsby (+13%)
- CFUW Canada E Club (+12%)
- CFUW Strathcona County (+12%)
- CFUW Sunshine Coast (+12%)
- CFUW Headwaters and District (+11%)
- CFUW Saanich Peninsula (+11%)
- CFUW Oshawa and District (+10%)
- CFUW Georgetown (+10%)
- CFUW Kincardine (+10%)
- CFUW Southport (+10%)



CFUW NATIONAL ALUMNAE

The CFUW National Alumnae consists of members from coast to coast. Membership in the Alumnae includes past CFUW National leaders, from the Board of Directors, Regional Directors and National Committee Chairs.

The members act as ambassadors promoting CFUW and volunteering where opportunities present.

The Alumnae members are connected through newsletters sent to them by the Chair.

An annual meeting takes place at the CFUW AGM if in person, or virtually in alternate years. The Alumnae members share their wealth of history, fountain of knowledge, and experiences to support clubs, RDs, councils and the board as needed.

Members need to indicate their desire to become members of the Alumnae through contact with the Chair of the Alumnae.

For further information and/or to join please contact Chair of the Alumnae, Bilkies McKen at bmcken31@gmail.com



COMMUNICATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Welcome to CFUW

Find Your Local Club

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IN JANUARY OF 2024, CFUW LAUNCHED THE UPDATED, MODERNIZED CFUW WEBSITE. WITH INFORMATION ABOUT OUR CLUBS, COMMITTEES, AND NATIONAL OFFICE, THE WEBSITE IS DESIGNED FOR PROSPECTIVE AND CURRENT MEMBERS ALIKE. IT ALSO CONTAINS A WEALTH OF RESOURCES AND CAMPAIGN MATERIALS FOR OUR MANY ADVOCACY ENDEAVOURS, CENTERED AROUND CFUW'S THREE NATIONAL PRIORITIES: EDUCATION, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES.

↑ **1.9K** FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS (11% INCREASE)

↑ **656** LINKEDIN FOLLOWERS (27% INCREASE)

↑ **522** INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS (20% INCREASE)

↑ **729**
CFUW CLUBS &
COMMITTEES ZOOM
MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS



\$969,319

IN
SCHOLARSHIPS,
FELLOWSHIPS
AND AWARDS

OVER 969K DONATED ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO
SUPPORT EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES, AND
INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

**coldest
*night**
OF THE YEAR

CFUW CLUBS ACROSS THE
COUNTRY DONATED \$77,049
TO COLDEST NIGHT OF THE
YEAR

THIS SURPASSED THEIR GOAL
OF \$60,000 BY **113%**

ADVOCACY

TOOLKITS & RESOURCES

- [Fall Advocacy Package](#)
- [Election 2025 Package](#)
- [Statement on Recent Actions of the US Government](#)
- [16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Toolkit](#)
- [Statement International Women's Day](#)
- [Elder Action Day social media toolkit](#)
- [Period Poverty infographic](#)
- [Resource Hub](#) created with Advocacy Handbook documents and a library of past CFUW letters, statements, and research organized by issue area



COMMUNICATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT

Letters sent from CFUW National to the Prime Minister and other relevant Ministers, on:

- [Congratulations to Prime Minister Carney, Urges Return of WAGE Minister Position](#)
- [Afghan Women Unjustly Denied Study Permits](#)
- [Elimination of the Minister for Women and Gender Equality Position](#)

Template letters created for Clubs to send, on:

- [Restore and Preserve Canada's Peatlands \(2024 Resolution\)](#)
- [Preserving Deep Sea Ecosystems \(2024 Resolution\)](#)
- [Ageing in Place: Resources for all Canadians to Age at Home and in Community Settings \(2024 Resolution\)](#)
- [Incentives to Adopt Current Standards for Long-Term Care \(2024 Resolution\)](#)
- [Post-Election letter to newly elected MPs](#)
- [Standing Against Violence and Harassment in Politics](#)

ADVOCACY

CONSULTATIONS

- Written submission for pre-budget consultations in advance of the 2025 Federal Budget, and a statement in response to the 2024 Budget
- Brief for the House of Commons Standing Committee on the Status of Women for its Study on Gender-Based Violence and Femicides in Canada

WORKING AND CONNECTING WITH ALLIES

The National Advocacy and Policy Specialist attended:

- Women, Peace, and Security Network of Canada meetings, including meetings with Canada's WPS Ambassador
- Beijing+25 Network meetings
- Pre-CSW civil society meetings
- UNCSW69
- Virtual gathering of organizations and academics working on climate and gender justice

ELECTION 2025

- With a Federal Election announced March 25, 2025 to be held April 28, 2025, CFUW National launched the Election 2025 Toolkit for Clubs to advocate for priority issues and promote voter engagement throughout the election period.
- Toolkit included:
 - How to engage in elections while being non-partisan
 - Resources to inform yourself and your community about parties' and candidates' positions
 - Advice on spotting election disinformation
 - Briefing materials and questions to ask candidates on CFUW's priority issues
 - A guide to hosting an All-Candidates Meeting
- CFUW also signed on to the **Demand Better** campaign: a national, non-partisan, bilingual awareness campaign powered by women's rights and gender justice organizations from across the country



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

NGO CSW/NY PARALLEL EVENT

EDUCATING WOMEN & GIRLS: ADVANCING THEIR EMPOWERMENT & EQUALITY

MARCH 13, 2025
12:30-2:00PM ET
CCUN 2ND FLOOR
NEW YORK

THE HON. JOAN MARIE AYLWARD
Lieutenant Governor
Newfoundland & Labrador
Opening doors to leadership through education

WANDA BEDARD
President & Founder
60 Million Girls
Supporting girls agency through quality education

GEETA DESAI
Co-Director, Global Affairs, Women Graduates - USA
Fostering women's and girls' critical thinking skills

SOON-YOUNG YOON
Founder, Cities for Action, NGO Forum Organizer
Accelerating progress on gender equality through dialogue

Women Graduates-USA
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UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN 69

The IR Committee's preparations for CSW69 began in early fall, with the submission of CFUW's written statement on the main focus of the 69th session, the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. CFUW hosted a successful parallel event: Educating Women & Girls: Advancing their Empowerment & Equality. Read the CSW69 Delegates' Report.

RECOGNIZING QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN MIGRATING TO NORTH AMERICA

Exploring challenges female migrants face in having their previously acquired skills, education and experience recognized. Our panelists will focus on this challenge as it relates to issues of gender, education and emotional health.

Tuesday, March 18, 2025
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM ET

VIRTUAL Join here on Zoom

PRESENTED BY CAMEUS,
AN ALLIANCE OF CFUW-FCFUDU (CANADA), FEMU (MEXICO), & WG-USA

AN NGO CSW VIRTUAL PARALLEL EVENT

Deana Hatcher
A former Registrar of Teachers, teacher advocate and former a learner, currently Administrative Officer at the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers Association.

Sodaba Saeedi
A doctor from Afghanistan currently studying to be a nurse as an intermediate step to becoming certified in Canada.

Teyeb Nazarian
An architect and lecturer in architecture and urban design, she immigrated to the USA from Afghanistan.

Ana Marcela Pérez Sánchez
A feminist activist from Colombia who is currently in Mexico doing her PhD research in social sciences.

Aida Chávez Zapata
Global Partnerships Manager at Talent Beyond Boundaries.

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CAMEUS

CAMEUS is a North American regional affiliation of GWI members: CFUW, WG-USA and FEMU of Mexico. During CSW69, CAMEUS hosted a virtual parallel event, "Recognizing Qualifications for Employment of Women Migrating to North America."



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT (ISP) 2023/24

CFUW's 2024-2025 partner was the "She Belongs in School" project in partnership with 60 million girls. Clubs and members of CFUW raised a total of **\$16,162.23** to purchase 2 mobile learning devices (MLLs) to help keep girls in school and educate students about their sexual and reproductive health.

CFUW CLUBS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

So many clubs and so many actions! Here is a snapshot of what CFUW Clubs are up to across the country!



CFUW MONCTON

Two of CFUW Moncton's members, Rhonda Rubin and Karen Dunnett, were honoured to receive the King Charles III Coronation Medal



CFUW MONTREAL SOUTH SHORE

CFUW Montreal South Shore raised \$9500 at their August 2024 book sale!



CFUW VICTORIA

CFUW Victoria members donated over \$3,400 TO VICCIR, Vancouver Island Counselling Centre for Immigrants and Refugees.



PRAIRIE GATHERING 2025

The Prairie Gathering, held June 13-15 in Saskatoon, was a great success according to the 40 CFUW members who attended from Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.



CFUW OSHAWA & DISTRICT

CFUW Oshawa & District celebrated their 80th anniversary and organized two events: a tea for current and past members and a collaboration with the Oshawa Museum to organize an exhibit.



CFUW LEASIDE-EAST YORK

CFUW Leaside-East York's Annual Afghan Event on April 15, raising funds in support of Right to Learn Afghanistan raised a total of \$4,115.

THANK YOU

Thank you CFUW members, Board of Directors, and all dedicated allies as we continue to work together, locally and nationally, to cultivate a welcoming environment for lifelong learning, fellowship, and fighting for a more just world.

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