

# Staking Our Claim:

## Charting a Path for Realizing the Right to Housing for Women and Gender Diverse People

Women's National Housing and Homelessness Network (WNHHN)

CONDUCTS RESEARCH on causes + solutions to homelessness for women, girls, and gender diverse peoples

ADVOCATES for policy changes

VALUES, LISTENS and ACTUALIZES the voices of women, girls, and gender diverse peoples who experienced homelessness

### Homelessness as a Human Rights Issue

International Covenant on Economic, Social & Cultural Rights:

The government should adopt and implement strategies with clear goals and timelines.

*Actions + policies must be in accordance with the right to adequate housing*



### National Housing Strategy Act 2019



First Federal legislation in Canada to recognize that housing is a human right. Housing is inherent to the dignity and the well-being of the person.

*This legislation can be powerful. It can and should be used to access the human right to housing.*

### # 1 PATHWAY INTO HOMELESSNESS FOR WOMEN AND GENDER-DIVERSE PEOPLES ARE BREAK UPS (47%)

*To remain in housing, is to remain in a bad relationship*



### Violation of Rights Experienced

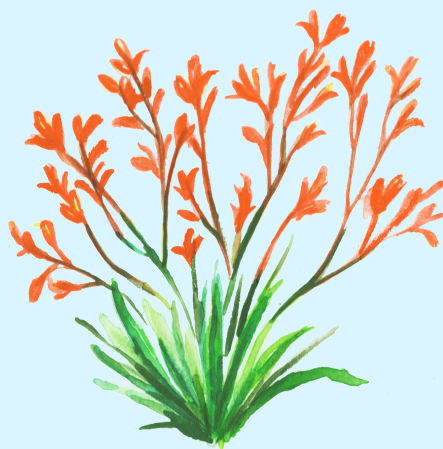


1. Gender based funding inequities in the homelessness sector
2. Federal investments in housing are not reaching women and gender diverse peoples in deep poverty, leading to discriminatory funding choices
3. "Homelessness" definition doesn't reflect unique ways women & gender diverse people experience homelessness
4. Gaps in gender-based policies results in harms and human rights violations

### Indigenous Perspectives

The right to housing includes ensuring Indigenous traditions and ways of life thrive and are supported.

*Truth and Reconciliation: learn about human rights, Indigenous history, and gender based analyses to address their unique housing crisis*



### Where do we go from here?



PROVIDE information to women and gender-diverse peoples about the National Housing Strategy Act 2019.

EDUCATE decision makers on the right to housing.

SUPPORT groups to develop and submit their own claims to federal housing advocates.