

February 2020 E-NEWS

In This Issue

[Be More Than a Bystander](#)

[EVA BC Webinar](#)

[SHARP Workplaces](#)

[New Uber Partnership](#)

[Uber Safety](#)

[STV Counsellor Training](#)

Quick EVA BC Links

[EVA BC Home Page](#)

[In the News](#)

[Job Postings](#)

[Resources](#)

[Be More Than a Bystander](#)

[Community Coordination for Women's Safety](#)

[Creating Safer Workplaces and Communities](#)

[Integrated Case Assessment Teams](#)

[Third Party Reporting](#)

[Training](#)

Resources

[Best Practices in](#)

Annual Training Forum 2019: Attendees Gain Best Practices Know-how

From supporting youth impacted by violence to restoring dignity to violence survivors, 330 attendees gained the latest best practices tips from leading experts at EVA BC's 2019 Annual Training Forum (ATF) **Supporting Survivors Across the Years**.

These issues were among dozens covered by five keynote speakers and 16 presenters at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel. The Nov. 28-29 forum audience learned more about **cross-sector collaboration** and the best ways to address gender-based violence in today's beyond-#MeToo culture.

"The justice system has not always been kind or respectful to survivors," said opening keynote speaker **Myrna McCallum**, a Saskatchewan Métis-Cree lawyer who supports Indigenous survivors of sexual violence. "This acknowledgement drives me to provide **trauma-informed advocacy**."



Vathsala Illesinghe, a doctor and PhD *Myrna McCallum* candidate in policy studies at Ryerson University, highlighted that **all cultures are patriarchal**, just in different ways.

The Hon. **Mike Farnworth**, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, told the audience, "The work that [front-line anti-violence workers] do is vital in supporting those impacted by gender-based violence."

Attendees let loose at the fun photo booth offered at the **opening night reception**. "This networking session was very popular," says **Misha Dhillon**, who co-emceed the forum's second day with EVA BC colleague **Kate Rossiter**. This networking event included a farewell presentation to **Debby Hamilton**, former EVA BC board member and regional CCWS coordinator, who has retired.

EVA BC would like to thank its **ATF partners and sponsors**: BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor

Responding to Campus Sexual Violence: Tracy Porteous Keynote, June 2019

CCWS Solutions Management Tool, Indigenous Communities, July 2019

Trauma-informed Organizations and Leadership, EVA Notes

Third Party Reporting Guidebook 2.0, July 2019

Moving Forward Together: Building Capacity to Prevent and Respond to Sexual Violence on Campus, Forum, June 2019

Third Party Reporting Form, CCWS

Supporting Sex Workers' Safety, EVA Notes

Other Links

Community Legal Assistance Society

Domestic Violence and Homicide in Rural, Remote and Northern Communities

Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report of the National Enquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

General; Odin Books; Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel; Scotiabank; Colour Time Printing & Digital Imaging; Uber; and Span Communications.

[Click here to see videos of 3 ATF 2019 keynote speakers »](#)

4th Annual Be More Than a Bystander Award

Wally Buono, former BC Lions' head coach, received the 4th annual **Be More Than a Bystander Award** at EVA BC's Annual Training Forum in November 2019.

"It takes courage to **stand up and be heard**, [so] if you have the opportunity to help, do," he told listeners at the **Special Recognition Ceremony** on Nov. 29. Buono, now BC Lions' vice president of football operations, has shared publicly his own experience as a youth intervening on his mother's behalf in a domestic violence incident in his home.



Wally Buono with (from left): Jessica Lee, EVA BC's Project and Communication Coordinator; Christie Buono, Wally's daughter; Jamie Taras, BC Lions Dir. of Community Relations (partially hidden); Tracy Porteous, EVA BC Exec. Dir.; J.R. LaRose, BMTAB spokesperson; and the Hon. Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

[Back to top](#)

Free EVA BC Webinar Feb. 20: Addressing Domestic Violence in LGBT2SQ+ Communities Across BC

Do you want to learn more about how to support LGBT2SQ+ folks experiencing intimate partner violence?

**Red Women Rising:
Indigenous Women
Survivors in
Vancouver's
Downtown Eastside**

**Gender-Based
Violence Knowledge
Centre**

**#CallItFemicide:
Understanding
Gender-related
Killings, Canada 2019**

Events

February 14
**Women's Memorial
March**

February 20
**EVA BC Webinar:
Addressing Domestic
Violence
in LGBT2SQ+
Communities
Across BC**

February 24
**Moose Hide
Campaign Day in BC:
Standing Up Against
Violence Towards
Women
and Children**

March 8
**International
Women's Day**

March 16-20
**EVA BC's STV
Counselling
Core Training,
Vancouver**

March 21
**International Day
for the Elimination
of Racial
Discrimination**

If you're a service provider in anti-violence, social services, health and/or justice, check out this free webinar, offered by **EVA BC's Safe Choices Program**.

DATE: Thursday, February 20, 2020

TIME: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm PST

Facilitators: **Olivia Fischer and Daley Laing**

Host: **Kate Rossiter**, EVA BC's Safe Choices Program Coordinator

To register: [Click here](#)

For more information:

safechoices@endingviolence.org

[Back to top](#)

SHARP Workplaces: New Public Legal Education Project Addresses Workplace Sexual Harassment

EVA BC has launched an exciting **public legal education project** to help small business, non-profits, Indigenous communities and youth-focused legal assistance centres boost their ability to prevent and respond to workplace sexual harassment issues.

Funded by the **Department of Justice**, SHARP Workplaces is a 4.5-year collaboration between EVA BC and the **Community Legal Assistance Society (CLAS)**, a not-for-profit law firm in Vancouver.

"SHARP Workplaces will empower workers and **promote workplace culture change** by creating trauma-informed, accessible, public legal education materials related to workplace sexual harassment," says EVA BC Program Manager Liza Hughes.

Free legal advice available

Liza is working with EVA BC colleagues, Indigenous Services Manager **Elsa Berland** and Training Manager **Nour Kachouh**, to ensure that all training materials are responsive to regional needs. Some project features will include the following:

- a CLAS-run legal clinic that will provide up to 5 hours of **free legal advice and services** to complainants of workplace sexual harassment;
- accessible guidelines on the **rights and responsibilities** of employers and employees;
- response protocols and **best practices for handling disclosures** in the workplace;

March 31
**International
Transgender Day
of Visibility**

April 12-18
**BC Prevention of
Violence Against
Women Week**

May 17
**International Day
Against Homophobia,
Transphobia and
Biphobia,
Alliances for
Solidarity**

May 24 to May 30
**Victims and
Survivors of Crime
Week: Transforming
the Culture Together**

June 21
**National Indigenous
Peoples Day**

July 30
**World Day Against
Trafficking in
Persons**

A Quotation to Keep You Going

*"I raise up my voice
-- not so I can shout
but so that those
without a voice
can be heard."*

-- **Malala Yousafzai**

- conducting **trauma-informed investigations** and reporting processes;
- prevention of workplace sexual harassment;
- and **policy templates**.

Starting Nov. 1, 2021, the public will be able to access legal education materials, such as videos, handouts, and a policy manual, on a **new 24/7, online hub**.

For more info: hughes@endingviolence.org
For training info: education@endingviolence.org

[Back to top](#)

EVA BC's New Partnership with Uber: Free Rides for Survivors

Survivors of gender-based violence will be able to access \$50,000 worth of free rides this year, thanks to EVA BC's new partnership with the **ride-share company Uber**.

EVA BC members will soon be able to arrange Uber rides to help survivors of violence get to their police, medical and other violence-related **appointments and interviews**.

"I want to extend profound thanks to Uber," says **Tracy Porteous**, EVA BC's executive director. "I think there is a role for everyone and every business in this important work to end violence."

In 2017, Uber announced its global initiative **Driving Change**, a campaign to partner with leading sexual assault and domestic violence groups. It has made a multi-million-dollar investment in education, training and experts to ensure **greater rider safety** and employee awareness and response to gender-based violence.

Note: Licensing requirements and legal challenges are currently affecting availability of Uber and other ride-sharing vehicles on the Lower Mainland. Please see [Uber website](#) for updates.

Do you have Uber safety concerns?

Uber

In the wake of alleged sexual assaults by Uber drivers, the company has improved its technology and **driver screening processes**, says



What words of resilience do YOU use to speak out against gender-based violence?

Share With Us

Got a favourite inspirational quote, photo or story from an EVA BC activity? Share it with us and it might appear in one of our publications. Send to conn@endingviolence.org. Thanks!



Join Our Mailing List!

Uber Canada vice president **Matthew MacInnis**. He offers these assurances:

- All drivers face ongoing screening processes, including for speed
- **New technology** allows riders to report specific details of a situation in real time
- **GPS tracking** lets a rider's loved one(s) follow a driver on a live map
- A serious complaint about a driver results in **immediate removal of this person's access** to the Uber app
- The app has a built-in **emergency button**
- Agents with **specialized training** in sexual assault response are available 24/7.

STV Counsellor Core Training in March

What attitudes, values, and beliefs affect the client/counselor relationship? How can you best address vicarious trauma and self-care?

These are just a few of the issues you can learn more about at EVA BC's five-day **Stopping the Violence Counselling Core Training**, to be held March 16-20 in Vancouver. The event at the Best Western Chateau Granville will cover many comprehensive topics, including these:

- Feminist counselling models
- Ethical practice empowerment model
- Safety assessment tools
- Family dynamics in STV
- Survivors and the healing process, including complex post-PTSD counselling needs
- Program management: records and legal issues.

endingviolence.org