



EmpowerMen

Newsletter

Website Launch

We are excited to launch our website:

www.empowermen.ca

We will share information about our project, connect with the community and partners and highlight our work to engage men and boys to prevent sexual exploitation. Please check the website regularly for updates. You can also connect with us through our social media.



Engagement with Educators and Youth Workers

In April, we organized a training event on sexual exploitation for people who work with children and youth in Winnipeg. We heard a powerful story from Anisha, a survivor of exploitation and how she overcame the struggles of rejection, addiction and how she continues her healing story. We also invited experts from the Joy Smith Foundation, the Canadian Centre for Child Protection and the services that the MaMaWi Centre provides to those who have experienced exploitation. It was important to increase the momentum to protect children and youth, particularly from online threats.



Janet Campbell (Joy Smith Foundation)

Canadian Sexual Exploitation Summit

We were honoured to co-sponsor and participate in the virtual [Canadian Sexual Exploitation Summit](#) at the beginning of May. It was an excellent opportunity to connect with people across Canada who are passionate about combating sexual exploitation and human trafficking. With over 1200 attendees, 70 national and international speakers, who are experts in their field, we were able to highlight our work of the [EmpowerMen](#) project.

Hennes, our project leader discussed the role of men in creating the demand for paid sexual services and what we are doing to change the culture and the mindset amongst men and boys. It was a special honour to participate in a panel at the Youth Day for the summit with over 2000 students across the country. We discussed positive masculinity for boys and young men.

Hennes also had the pleasure of moderating two panels on “Body Rub Parlours, Municipalities and Licensing” as well as “Indigenous Successes and Challenges in Anti-Human Trafficking efforts” with leaders in the fields.



Networking

We are always interested to partner with leaders in the field to highlight the need to engage men and boys to prevent sexual exploitation. Over the last months we had to opportunity to present at the following events:

- **Beyond Net-Zero: The Canada Human Trafficking Declaration at the CMHR**

Awareness Conference in Brandon

- 14th Annual Child Abuse Committee Coordinator Conference in Manitoba
- Manitoba Human Trafficking Awareness Day (Manitoba Status of Women)



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Thank you for your support and interest in our work! We appreciate your partnership.

With gratitude,

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