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STRUGGLES AND MOBILIZATION: THE HISTORY OF INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S RIGHTS

DESCRIPTION

Have you noticed that many new faces—mostly Indigenous women—are now occupying public spaces? They are bold, sharp, and inspiring voices with a strong desire to create change. But why are they now taking up more space? And more importantly, why are we noticing their presence more? After all, they've always been there, a powerful force behind the scenes. The balance of power between men and women in Indigenous communities has shifted dramatically. Once matriarchs and heads of families, Indigenous women saw their status and roles deeply disrupted.

How did we reach a point where Indigenous women are eight times more likely to be murdered than any other Canadian citizen? A context in which they face significant economic insecurity, under-representation in public forums, and higher rates of violence? It is essential to understand the impact of colonization on Indigenous women.

In this training, you'll revisit key historical events, beginning with colonization and its consequences, the roots of Indigenous feminism, and the many struggles from past to present. Most importantly, you'll learn about strong and proud women who, to this day, have helped Indigenous communities survive and thrive. Everyone can contribute—whether by developing workplace support programs for Indigenous women, promoting financial autonomy, training, or empowerment. Multiple action strategies will be presented to help reverse the trend and support women in taking their rightful place.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Colonization and its impacts
- The Indian Act
- Key historical events
- The reality in Quebec
- Indigenous feminism
- Struggles: from past to present
- Influential figures
- Actions to take

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Public relations professionals, public affairs communications specialists, executives and senior leaders.

DURATION

This training is available as a half-day course