Working toward healing, justice and equality

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The future of feminism will be explored during International Women's Week in Antigonish, from March 7 to 12, through events that encourage community discussion on healing, justice and equality for women. Topics highlighted throughout the week include — reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, mental wellness through the arts and the Syrian refugee crisis — with a focus on the lives of women both locally and globally.

Feminist Futures will provide celebratory spaces to honour women's resilience and creativity. These include: a breakfast with young women in the community sharing their thoughts on their feminist futures, a family sing-a-long involving the voices of multiple generations of women, seniors and children; and a cabaret showcasing the musical and performance talents of feminists in our community. Diverse spaces for discussions on healing, justice and equality for women will also be created this week.

Sherene Razack, Distinguished Professor of Critical Race, Gender and Citizenship Studies in Education at the University of Toronto, will be the keynote speaker Tuesday, March 8 (International Women's Day) at 7 p.m. in Dennis Hall, Coady International Institute, StFX. Her keynote speech will address the case of Cindy Gladue, an Indigenous woman who was attacked sexually and left to bleed to death in 2011.

The Gladue case has sparked outrage and condemnation of the criminal justice system's treatment of cases involving Indigenous women. Razack will also be available to sign copies of her latest book, Dying From Improvement, on Indigenous deaths in state custody.

Events of Feminist Futures: Healing, Justice, and Equality include:

Monday, March 7

Women, Reconciliation & Community Action: A Panel & Discussion with Indigenous Women Leaders
6:30 to 9 p.m.
Dennis Hall, Coady International Institute, StFX

Tuesday, March 8

FREE COFFEE FOR WOMEN @ PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES
Women's Day March
12 to 1 p.m.
Coady International Institute, StFX
Sherene Razack Keynote & Booksigning
7 to 9 p.m.
Dennis Hall, Coady International Institute, StFX

Wednesday, March 9

Sherene Razack Lunch & Learn
12 to 1 p.m.
Community Room, People's Place Library
Journeys to Wellness: The Light through the Tunnel
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Community Room, People's Place Library

Thursday, March 10

"Not Who We Are" Film Screening & Syria-Antigonish Families Embrace Fundraiser
7 to 8:30 p.m.
Desmond Hall, Coady International Institute, StFX

Friday, March 11

Feminist Futures Breakfast
7:30 to 9 a.m.
The Prissy Pig
* Advance tickets required. Call the Antigonish Women's Resource Centre at 902-863-6221.

Saturday, March 12

Family Sing-a-long
2 to 3 p.m.
Club 60
Express Yourself: A Feminist Cabaret
8 p.m.
Piper's Pub
* $10 cover ($5 unwaged/student). 19 years and up.

International Women's Week is an opportunity for the community to discuss issues critical to women's lives and to share and celebrate in their strengths.

The week is supported by: the Antigonish Women's Resource Centre & Sexual Assault Services Association, Naomi Society, Building a Breastfeeding Environment, Antigonish Town & County Crime Prevention, Paqtnkek Health Centre, Pictou Antigonish Regional Library, StFX — Women's and Gender Studies, Human Rights & Equity Office, International Student Advising Office, Service Learning, Young Women's Empowerment and the Coady International Institute — International Centre for Women's Leadership.

For more about the week, like the Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/feministfutures/ or contact the Antigonish Women's Resource Centre at 902-863-6221.