

MEDIA RELEASE

Celebrating 100 Years of Canadian Women's Right to Vote

— *Centennial Gala recognizes 100 organizations that empower women* —

Calgary, AB: On Saturday, August 13, 2016 the Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW Canada) will host a Centennial Gala to gather and recognize the work of 100 women's organizations from across the country. The event is intended to mark a Canadian milestone, the centennial year of women's suffrage.

"One hundred years have passed since women gained the right to vote in Alberta... and it has only been 50 years for indigenous women," says Incoming President Jenny Gulamani-Abdulla. "We have made great strides to improve the lives of Canadian women and girls, their families and their communities. The Centennial Gala will recognize the 100 organizations who share our vision to empower women by improving their economic, political, social and employment conditions."

In addition to a tribute to the women's organizations, the gala evening will feature a keynote address by Her Honour, the Honourable Lois Mitchell, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta as well as video greetings from Madame Sophie Grégoire Trudeau and Governor General David Johnston. The evening will consist of dinner, music performed by Alberta-based classical violinist Megan Korschuh and hosted by Global News reporter Linda Olsen.

A complete list of the organizations being recognized is made available at:

<http://bpwcanada.com/en/bpw-events/nationalconvention.html>

The Centennial Gala is part of BPW Canada's 45th biennial convention which is being hosted in Calgary for the first time since 1935. BPW Canada is an 86-year-old non-profit and non-partisan network of over 500 business and professional women nationwide who effect positive change through empowerment of women and girls. It is part of an International Federation with almost 35,000 members globally and holds Consultative One Status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council. The Calgary chapter, whose founding member was Nellie McClung, one of the Famous Five, will be celebrating its 90th anniversary next year.

Gala Tickets

[Tickets](#) to the gala have been released to the public and cost \$75 each at:

<http://bpwnationalconvention.eventbrite.com>

The complete convention events, including [tickets](#) are available until August 10th at:
<http://bpwnationalconvention.eventbrite.com>

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