

# Taking action on violence against women

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December 6 is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. This day marks the anniversary of the tragic École Polytechnique massacre in Montreal in 1989, where 14 women were murdered in a targeted act of violent misogyny. This horrific incident shocked the nation and, 35 years later, continues to highlight the pervasive issue of gender-based violence.

Recognizing that gender-based violence is a critical issue that affects the Seneca Polytechnic community and beyond, this day is a time to reaffirm our efforts for prevention and education. Join the Seneca community this December 6 to come together in our shared commitments to fight misogyny and build a future without violence.

## December 6 events

### **Together We Remember: Vigil and art build to address gender-based violence**

Date: Friday, Dec. 6

Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Innovation Gallery, Level 2, CITE (Building K), Newnham Campus

Join us this National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women to come together in solidarity. Starting at 11 a.m., attend the vigil to pay tribute to the 14 women whose lives were taken in the École Polytechnique massacre, and to honour all those who have been lost or are survivors of gender-based violence. Learn about vital resources, walk through Seneca Student Federation's installation commemorating the 14 women and bring your creativity to the drop-in art build to co-create expressions for healing and hope.

All are welcome to attend, and light refreshments will be served. Email the [Reconciliation and Inclusion](#) team for accessibility needs.

### **Women's Gathering with First Peoples@Seneca**

Date: Friday, Dec. 6

Time: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Room E1401 (Odeyto), Building E, Newnham Campus

First Peoples@Seneca invites the Seneca community to a special women's gathering aimed at fostering connection and community around pressing global women's issues, including gender-based violence and reproductive health. Drop in throughout the day to discuss what solidarity with women looks like on Turtle Island and internationally. This gathering will also celebrate the collective strength and power of women, highlighting their shared experiences and resilience.

All are welcome to attend, and light refreshments will be served. Email the [Reconciliation and Inclusion](#) team for accessibility needs.

## Supports for Survivors

If you have experienced, witnessed or have been affected by sexual violence, [options for immediate and ongoing support](#) are available to you.

### Seneca Supports

- Students: Counselling Services – 416.764.9700, [senecacnas@senecapolytechnic.ca](mailto:senecacnas@senecapolytechnic.ca)
- Employees: [hr.help@senecapolytechnic.ca](mailto:hr.help@senecapolytechnic.ca) (during business hours) and the Employee and Family Assistance Program (available 24/7) – 1.800.268.5211
- Medical Centre: 437.312.0370, [seneca.health@senecapolytechnic.ca](mailto:seneca.health@senecapolytechnic.ca)

### Community Supports

- [Yellow Brick House](#)
- [Ontario Coalition of Rape Crisis Centres](#)
- [Women's Support Network of York Region](#)

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