

MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN



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HISTORY

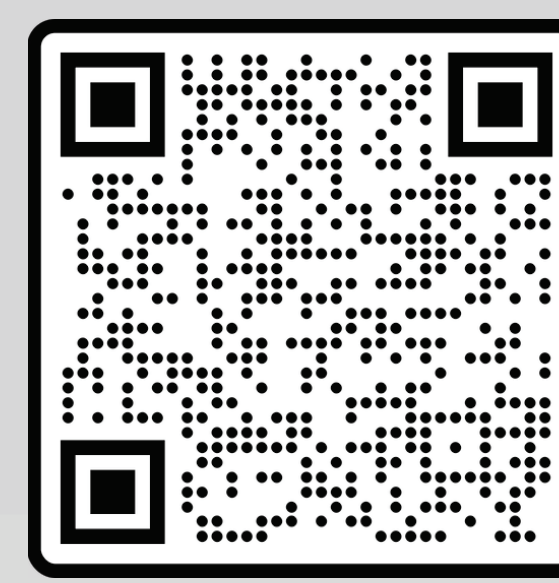
- Human rights crisis
- Calls for justice were continually ignored by the [federal government](#).
- The [Royal Canadian Mounted Police](#) (RCMP): stated in a 2014 report that there have been more than 1,200 missing and murdered Indigenous women between 1980 and 2012.
- *HOWEVER* Indigenous Women's groups document that there are over 4,000 missing and murdered Indigenous women between those times.

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INFORMATION

- **May 5th** is National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG2S+).
- Indigenous Women of the Wabanaki Territories (IWWT), honor all Indigenous mothers, daughters, aunts, sisters, grandmothers, nieces, cousins, and all those people who identify as women and girls.
- TED Talk - Sophie Kiwala



FILM RECOMMENDATIONS: MMIWG2S+

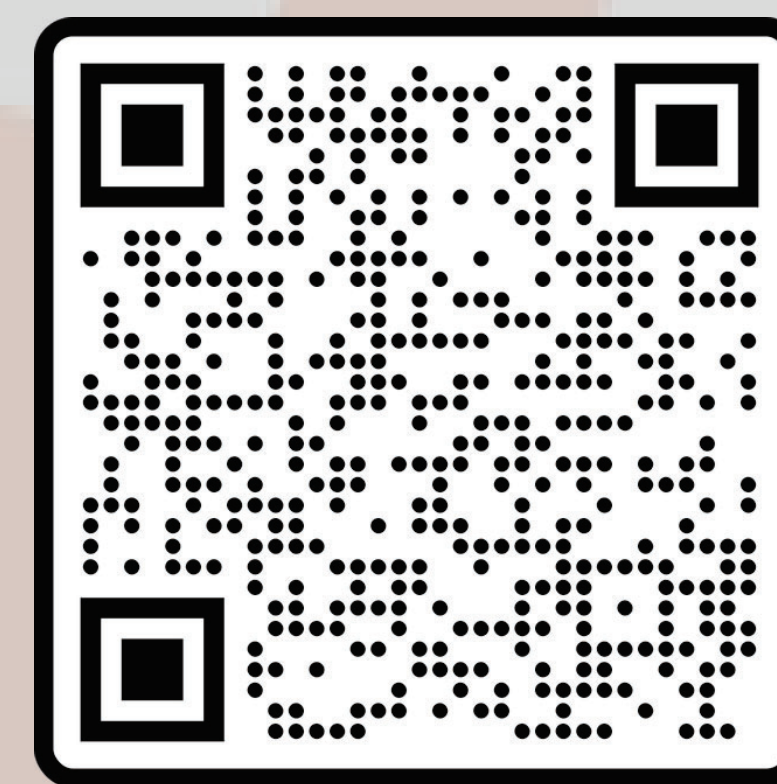
- Finding Dawn 2006 | 1 h 13 min by Christine Welsh
- https://www.nfb.ca/film/finding_dawn/
- This River 2016 | 19 min by Erika MacPherson & Katherena Vermette
- https://www.nfb.ca/film/this_river/
- Kairos Canada List of MMIWG Films and Documentaries
- <https://www.kairoscanada.org/missing-murdered-indigenous-women-girls/films>

RECLAIMING POWER AND PLACE The Mandate of the National Inquiry

The National Inquiry must look into and report on the systemic causes of all forms of violence against Indigenous women and girls, including sexual violence.

The National Inquiry report reveals the truths of over 2,380 family members, survivors of violence, experts and knowledge keepers. The report delivers 231 calls for justice.

Find the National Inquiry and more here



HOW TO SHOW SUPPORT?

- Actively inform yourself through education.
- Attending marches around New Brunswick and/or Fredericton
- Attending ceremonies that shed light on the importance of the day
- **REDress campaign:** The REDress Project focuses on bringing awareness to the crisis and it involves hanging red dresses in spaces, as the dresses signify the losses.
- May 5 is Red Dress Day: On this day, people of all backgrounds are encouraged to wear red to help raise awareness.

WORDS FROM ERIN BROOKS SHARED VIA FACEBOOK IN 2018, WHO HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE DECEMBER 27TH, 2021:

"I am a strong Maliseet woman. I am content. If there ever comes a time where I disappear.. where I go for groceries and do not return. Where I go to run other errands and do not return...please know: I did not voluntarily leave my family. I am not out partying. I did not go out and commit suicide somewhere. If ever DO NOT return home.. know that someone took me against my will worse. Do not make excuses as to WHY I have not returned home because it is a lie. Look for me. Please. Being an indigenous woman in Canada, there is a target on my back. I feel it-I really do. Too many of our women are disappearing"

If you have any information on Erin's whereabouts, or any information at all- please call Crime Stoppers: 1-800-222-8477

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