December 6 2014 12th Annual Shoe Memorial

December 6 is Canada's National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, and we again ask you to look into your closets for women's shoes.

It has been 25 years since fourteen women were selectively killed at the Montreal Polytechnique. Government and media no longer widely acknowledge this day. With your help we will remember the over 726 women killed by violence in BC since then and those before.

There has been an amazing difference in the attitudes and reactions of the public since our 1st Shoe Memorial and in particular since the struggle to erect the Marker of Change. But women and girls are still dying needlessly so again we are collecting shoes and building our Memorial at the Vancouver Art Gallery. Other groups join us across Canada building Shoe Memorials so that we never forget.

Our common goal is "that the names of the victims should never be forgotten. They are represented by a pair of shoes and their names displayed"

After the memorial the shoes are given, both directly and indirectly, to women in need.

Working collectively we believe we can have a greater impact.

For more information and other locations The Shoe Memorial: <u>www.shoememorial.com</u> The deadline for pickup or deliver of shoes to us is November 22

In the Lower Mainland to Donate Shoes please contact: John (604) 807-8940 or <u>pkelln@telus.net</u>

For more information, media interviews or to volunteer please contact: *Pat Kelln at <u>pkelln@telus.net</u> (604) 524-2399*

To see what you can do to end all violence against women in relationships visit www.WeCanBC.ca





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