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CAP Shares MMIWG2S+ Action Plan Ahead of National Meeting

February 1st, Ottawa ON

The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, along with youth and elders, will be in Ottawa next week to share our stories and MMIWG2S+ Action Plan: *Illuminating the Way, Beholding Power and Place*.

CAP youth, elders and representatives will be sharing their knowledge and experiences concerning MMIWG2S+ while the government holds its own Roundtable with Federal, Provincial and Territorial Ministers on the issue.

“CAP is committed to supporting MMIWG2S+ families and victims, despite the governments’ ongoing policy of division and exclusion,” says CAP National Youth Representative Jessica Savoy. “It’s sad to see the government ignore hundreds of thousands of urban Indigenous Peoples, but that won’t stop us from advocating for our people.”

Since 2015, CAP has participated in the design and scope of the MMIWG National Inquiry, held a National Summit on the issue, had standing at the National Inquiry, was a member of the core working group on the National Action Plan and worked with Victim Services Canada among several other initiatives and actions.

The CAP National Action Plan for MMIWG2S+ people is in response to the release of the 2019 Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Consulting its PTO’s, CAP heard from a vast array of Peoples’ and cultures about how to address MMIWG and 2SLGTBQQIA+. The result illuminates a path forward for communities to end the systemic problem and move forward towards a brighter future.

You can read the document here: http://abo-peoples.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/CAP_Illuminating-the-Way_en-1-1.pdf

CAP community members will be in Ottawa February 8th meeting with MP's, and will be available for media interviews prior to, and at the Shaw Centre where federal, provincial and territorial Ministers will be meeting.

What: CAP elders and youth share MMIWG2S+ plan

When: February 8th, 10am-4pm

Where: Shaw Centre, Room 212

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