Day of Remembrance and Action to End Violence Against Women

Established in 1991 by the Parliament of Canada, December 6 commemorates the lives of fourteen young women who were tragically killed in 1989 in Montreal because of their gender. On this day, we turn our thoughts to all women who have been murdered or experience violence in the workplace, public spaces and the home.

December 6th is not just a day to mourn, it is also a day that women and men throughout Canada come together to call attention and take action against the continued violence and inequality women face in all aspects of their lives – long waiting lists for regulated and subsidized childcare, lack of safe and affordable housing, lack of training and education, wage discrimination, and unequal access to the justice system and the political process.

Events to commemorate December 6th will be happening in each of our communities. CUPE Ontario and our Women's Committee encourage every member and local in Ontario to actively participate in events in their own community so that together we can work to raise awareness and end all forms of violence against women.