Important Updates from SWDEAC – November 2026

(1) The SWDEAC of WUFA is collecting donations for two worthy causes!

Matthew House
REFUGEE WELCOME CENTRE - WINDSOR

Matthew House Windsor brings hope by providing a temporary home and settlement supports for Refugee Claimants, empowering them to become contributing members of the Canadian community. Like charities across Canada, Matthew house is facing significant financial challenges due to the current social, political, and economic environment. Please find attached a list of the Centre's most pressing needs.

WELCOME CENTRE
shelter for women & families
SISTERHOOD, SUPPORT, SHELTER AND SAFETY.

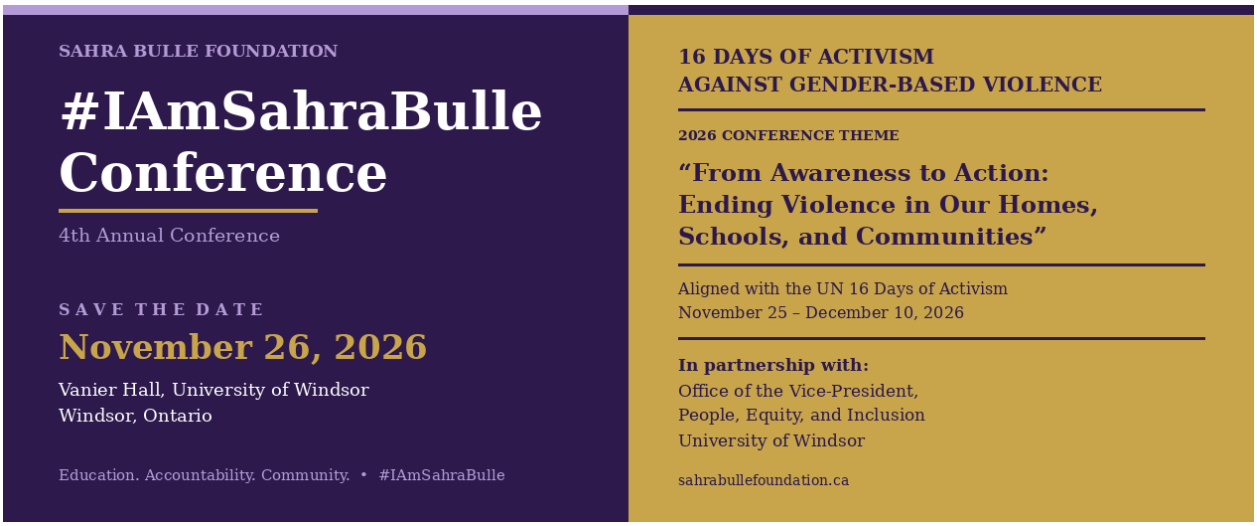
The Welcome Centre exists to reduce the devastating impact of homelessness and poverty by providing safe emergency and transitional supports to women and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The Shelter aims to provide safe housing for every woman and family, every night. The Centre's most pressing needs include the following:

- Gift cards in small denominations for any area grocery store, Walmart, fast food restaurant, or dollar store
- NEW women's underwear (especially sizes small and medium) and socks
- Bath towels and washcloths
- Bedsheets and pillowcases
- Winter essentials (gloves, hates, scarves, etc.)
- Gently used or new women's PJs and slippers
- Baby wipes and diapers
- Toiletries: shampoo/conditioner, body wash, liquid hand soap, razors, deodorant, and hairbrushes
- Food: canned proteins, canned veggies, tomato sauce, mac and cheese, side dishes (ex. Uncle Ben's or Sidekicks), rice, stuffing, peanut butter/jam, cereal, crackers, individually packed snacks, juice boxes
- Cleaning supplies: Pinesol, disinfectant wipes, Windex, dish soap, bleach, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, and powdered laundry detergent

SWDEAC is asking all WUFA members to please consider donating to one or both of these worthy causes. Monetary donations as well as gift cards are also greatly appreciated.

Please drop off donations at the WUFA office, the "Kerr House" located at 366 Turtle Island Way (formerly Sunset Ave) between 9 am and 4 pm on weekdays. Donations will be collected from now until Thursday, December 10, 2026. Thank you, in advance, for your help! Your generous donation is very much needed and appreciated.

(2) #IAmSahraBulle Conference 2026 – Thursday, November 26



Scheduled to take place on November 26, 2026, the #IAmSahraBulle Conference is a collaborative effort between the **Sahra Bulle Foundation** and the Office of the Vice-President of People, Equity, and Inclusion. Held during the UN's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, this event is dedicated to fostering dialogue, education, and actionable steps against gender-based violence. Through insightful sessions and engaging discussions, the conference aims to unite advocates, survivors, and change-makers to propel tangible steps in dismantling systemic barriers and promoting gender equality and respect. It's a pivotal moment to empower change and create a more equitable society for all.

Please see the attached conference schedule and click here to register for the conference.

12 Days of Christmas Challenge

your Church, Friends, Family, Coworkers, and Neighbours to collect items for refugee families!

- Small Microwaves
- Kitchen Essentials
- Laundry Basket & Pods
- Adult Ski Gloves
- Cleaning Supplies
- Trash Cans & Bags
- Repair Cards
- Toiletries
- Blankets & Single sheets
- Grocery Cards
- Tissue and Toilet Paper
- 2 Ride Bus Cards

#12DaysChallenge
Share your challenge on your socials!

Matthew House
REFUGEE WELCOME CENTRE - WINDSOR

For more information or to request custom posters for your group
call 519-945-7627 ext.3010

#IAmSahraBulle Conference 2026 Agenda

CONFERENCE THEME

"From Awareness to Action: Ending Violence in Our Homes, Schools, and Communities"

Date: November 26, 2026

Organizers: Sahra Bulle Foundation & the Office of the Vice-President of People, Equity, and Inclusion.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

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The conference takes place during the United Nations' 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, a global campaign to address and prevent gender-based violence.

Conference Agenda

MORNING SESSIONS

8:30 AM — 9:15 AM • Registration & Networking Breakfast

Check-in, refreshments, and an opportunity to connect with fellow participants.

9:15 AM — 9:45 AM • Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:45 AM — 10:45 AM • Opening Keynote

(Mis)informed consent: How AI scales technology-facilitated gender-based violence.
Presented by: Dr. Bonnie Stewart
This talk examines how AI and misinformation affect consent and agency, including how AI can amplify gender-based violence and risks for vulnerable populations. It explores the limitations of algorithmic consent and the importance of informed consent, while recognizing AI's potential to support survivors.

10:45 AM — 11:00 AM • Refreshment Break

11:00 AM — 12:00 PM • Concurrent Sessions — Block 1

Session 1A: Practicing Bystander Intervention and Preventing Gender-Based Violence
Presented by: Dr. Maddie Brockbank
This session explores gender-based and sexual violence (GBSV), barriers to support, and the 5 Ds of bystander intervention. Participants will practise responding through real-world scenarios using a critical, intersectional feminist approach.

Session 1B: What Survivors See that Systems Miss: Improving Recognition and Response in GBV and Exploitation
Presented by: Vanessa Fleming
This session examines the gaps between survivors' experiences of gender-based violence and the systems meant to support them, highlighting barriers to care and survivor-informed responses.

Session 1C: Beyond Awareness: Community-Led Responses to Gender-Based Violence
Presented by: Dr. Boluwaji (Bolu) Olaniru
This session explores preventing gender-based violence through the FGM/C case study, examining harmful practices and culturally responsive approaches to prevention, survivor support, and accountability.

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<u>Session 1D:</u> When Silence Becomes a System: Practical Tools for Frontline Workers to Recognize, Respond and Act on Gender-Based Violence
Presented by: Dr. Pamela Pine
This session explores how childhood adversity, community silence, and institutional failures shape gender-based violence, with a focus on marginalized women.

12:00 PM — 1:00 PM • Lunch & Networking

1:00 PM — 2:00 PM • Concurrent Sessions - Block 2

<u>Session 2A:</u> Unprepared at the Front Lines: Exploring Nurses' Readiness to Recognize Human Sex Trafficking in North America: Scoping Review
Presented by: Sara Williams
This presentation explores nurses' readiness to respond to human trafficking and its links to systemic inequities. It emphasizes trauma-informed, culturally responsive care that prioritizes safety and autonomy.

<u>Session 2B:</u> From Installation to Dialogue: 'feeling deeply' Art and Gender-Based Violence
Presented by: Julie Sando, Kate Hargreaves, and Rachel Soulliere, moderated by Anne Rudzinski.
The 'feeling deeply' art installation highlights the wide range of emotions that may be experienced in connection with gender-based violence from the perspectives of survivors, supporters, bystanders, and witnesses. Building on the themes explored in the installation, this panel discussion will examine questions surrounding the creation, display, and viewing of art that engages with gender-based violence and trauma.

<u>Session 2C:</u> Reclaiming Your Voice: A Trauma-Informed Presentation to Cultivate Self-Compassion & Assertiveness
Presented by: Michelle Weglarz
This interactive session explores self-compassion, boundaries, and assertive communication through practical strategies for speaking up with confidence and compassion, using Dr. Kristin Neff's work and the 3 Steps to Assertiveness framework.

<u>Session 2D:</u> Eight Steps to Getting Out
Presented by: Sofi Khan
This session explores GAWGO's eight steps, from recognizing abuse and planning a safe exit to managing post-separation risks and healing, with a focus on strategic silence and safety planning.

2:00 PM — 3:00 PM • Concurrent Sessions - Block 3

Sessions 3A:

Supporting Survivors Across Diverse Communities
Presented by: Marko Kozul and Farah Eideh
This presentation explores how identity shapes experiences of gender-based violence and how to recognize warning signs, overcome barriers, and support survivors.

Love Shouldn't Hurt: Recognizing Harm, Supporting Friends and Finding Help Through A Hub Without Walls.
Presented by: Madison DeKok, Hub Without Walls (HWoW)
This session explores how to support people experiencing violence through compassionate listening, recognizing barriers, and connecting survivors with appropriate resources.

Sessions 3B:

Bystander Intervention
Presented by: Kaden Reid
This session explores the opportunities and challenges of engaging men's varsity athletes in gender-based and sexual violence prevention. Drawing on preliminary research, it examines what shapes student-athletes' participation in anti-violence work and the potential of athletics to advance prevention efforts.

Student Leadership at Campus Womxn's Centres
Presented by: Gracie Williamson, Kim Courtis, Addy Taylor
This interactive session explores the experiences of creating and maintaining inclusive campus spaces, led by current and former UWindsor Womxn's Centre coordinators. A Q&A will give participants the opportunity to ask questions.

Session 3C:

Applying Design Thinking Methods to Intimate Partner Violence Mental Health Research
Presented by: Nikoo Aghaei and Jaden Chong
This session explores how design thinking and survivor-led research can improve intimate partner violence mental health research, featuring the Our IPV Story initiative and a hands-on activity.

Session 3D:

Deepening the Conversation: A Follow-Up to Session 1D
Presented by: Dr. Pamela Pine
Building on the morning presentation, this session invites participants to further explore practical approaches to recognizing and responding to gender-based violence in frontline settings. (Attendance at Session 1D is recommended but not required.)

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM • Closing Remarks & Next Steps

feeling deeply:
An Art & Craft Installation and Social Space

Presented by the Office of Sexual Violence Prevention, Resistance, and Support

Available throughout the conference day

Explore Feeling Deeply, an interactive art and craft installation and social space created to encourage reflection, connection, and creative expression. Conference participants are welcome to visit the installation at any time throughout the conference.

Additional Information

Accessibility

Accommodations include:

- Accessible venue and washrooms
- Quiet/Reflection space

For accommodation requests, please contact: afnanal@uwindsor.ca

Content Advisories

Some sessions may address topics that participants may find sensitive or challenging. Session-specific content advisories will be included in individual session descriptions during the conference registration process to support informed participation.

Networking Opportunities

Dedicated networking opportunities are available during registration, breaks, and lunch.

This preliminary agenda is intended to provide an overview of the conference program. Detailed session descriptions, presenter biographies, and other event information will be available when registration opens on October 26, 2026.