

The logo for inform'Elles features the word "inform'Elles" in a sans-serif font. The word "inform" is in orange, and "Elles" is in black. A stylized orange bird icon is positioned above the letter "o" in "inform".

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The background consists of several overlapping geometric shapes and images. A large orange triangle in the top left contains a close-up of a woman's face. A large orange triangle in the center contains silhouettes of three women with their arms raised against a sunset. A purple triangle is on the right side. A white triangle with diagonal lines is at the bottom left.

Non-Profit Organization

# ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

**Inform'Elles** aims to promote access services and support for women and girls Francophones in situations of violence in B.C.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE **PRESIDENT**

Dear Members,

The annual general meeting is a time to pause and take stock and to thank all the people who directly or indirectly support the mission and objectives of Inform'Elles. I thank all the members for your continued support over the years that we have persisted in developing a support service for francophone women and girls who are victims of violence in British Columbia. This year of COVID has once again exposed what some call the pandemic of violence against women, many of whom now find themselves confined, forced to live 24 hours a day with their aggressor. That this violence is visible and identified and that governments mobilize to provide additional financial support are signs of positive change. Let us hope that permanent changes will result.

Our small team of volunteer board members has not changed: Jeanne Landry and Nicole LeMire never give up and I am very grateful for their commitment, their work and their support. The team of contract workers has been joined by Tessy Vanderhaege, Marlyse Anakeu and Mélinda Trochu. I thank them all on behalf of the Board of Directors for their work under difficult circumstances, with COVID and the great financial uncertainty we have been faced with.

Last year, we were optimistic about entering a promising partnership, but unfortunately, this has been delayed, despite increased funding opportunities in times of COVID. Several grant applications were submitted, and we received funding, but the long delays between applications and remittance of the funds prevented us from moving forward. However, thanks to an extension of our grant from the Department for Women and Gender Equality Canada, we have been able to set up a team that has worked to continue our efforts to strengthen relationships, raise awareness of key sectors of intervention, and seek funding to ensure long-term direct service delivery. We thank the DWGEC.

As of March 2021, after a year of major changes in the way we work, we remain confident that our efforts will bear fruit and that we will once again have a direct service for francophone women and their children who live with violence.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marie Dussault".

**Marie Dussault**

President of the Board of Directors

# OUR TEAM 2020-2021

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**Marie Dussault**

President of the Board of Directors



**Jeanne Landry**

Treasurer of the Board of Directors

Jeanne participated in the founding of the organization Inform'Elles.



**Nicole Lemire**

Advisor to the Board of Directors

Nicole has more than 20 years of experience in the community field.



**Tessy Vanderhaege**

Administrative Coordinator

Graduated with a Master's degree in "Women & Gender Studies".



**Marlyse Anakeu Ekassi**

Volunteer on the committee of Réseau femmes C.B

A bilingual professional passionate about social justice issues.



**Mélinda Trochu**

Communications Officer

Mélinda manages our social networks, she is a French journalist based in Victoria.

# ACTIVITY REPORT

April 2020 to March 2021

## MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

**Moving Forward Together** was an Inform'Elles initiative between **2017** and **2020** to bring systemic change within government and community agencies by designing and delivering programs and services for culturally diverse **Francophone women** experiencing **violence**.



### Department for Women and Gender Equality Canada

Extension: The Department for Women and Gender Equality has approved an extension to transfer unused travel grant amounts from the previous year to the budget item 'salaries and fees'.

Revision and final drafting of the status report. Transcription of all testimonials from women and drafting of the partner engagement plan.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

**Tessy Vanderhaeghe** - October 2020 - August 2021

**Marlyse Anakeu Ekassi** - October 2020 - January 2021

**Mélinda Trochu** - March 2021 - until now



## SAFER STRONGER

### Canadian Women's Foundation

- Overview of interpreting services in the various areas of intervention in violence against women.
- Survey via a consulting firm.
- Redesign of the Inform'Elles website.
- Discussion about collaboration with Le Cercle des Canadiens Français de Prince George and the Welcoming Community immigration project led by the Réseau en immigration francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (RIFCB) of the Fédération des francophones de la Colombie-Britannique.

# FINANCING **ACTIVITY** **REPORT**

## April 2020 to March 2021

### **Department of Women and Gender Equality Canada**

Agreement signed for the transfer of 2020-2021 unused travel funds for salary expenses between March 2021 and September 2021.

### **Department of Women and Gender Equality Canada**

Moving Forward Together II (2021-2024).

Grant application submitted in March 2021.

### **Canadian Women's Foundation**

Safer and Stronger, August 2020. Request accepted.

### **Canadian Women's Foundation**

Safer and Stronger, January 2021. Request accepted.

### **Canadian Heritage**

Rapprochement of Official Language Communities Program.

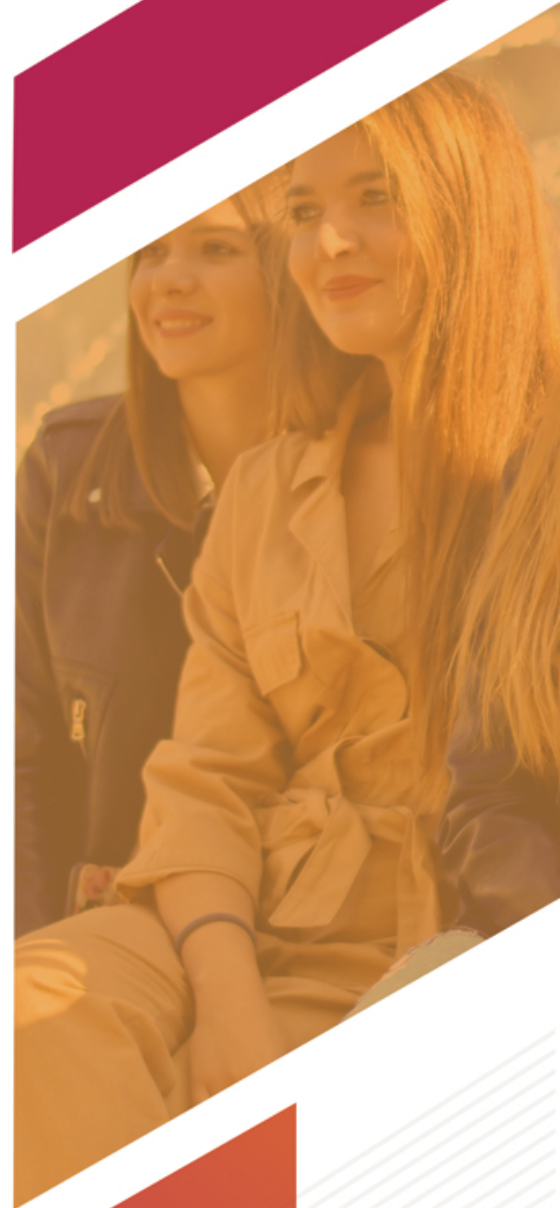
Grant application submitted in January 2021. Rejected.

### **Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat, Francophone Affairs Program**

Grant application submitted in March 2020. Rejected.

### **Civil Forfeiture Crime Prevention**

Grant application submitted in November 2020. Rejected.



# ACTIVITY REPORT



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## MEETINGS **PARTNERSHIPS AND POSITIONING**

- Ontario Action Against Violence Against Women: reaction to their submission in connection with the repeated call for a "National Action Plan on Violence Against Women and Gender-Based Violence".
- Monthly table of EDs of the Alliance des femmes de la francophonie canadienne.
- Monthly table of EDs of the Fédération des francophones de la Colombie-Britannique.
- Interview with Radio-Canada, increase in cases of domestic violence during the pandemic.
- Participation in activities of Rise, Elder Law, BC Society of Transition Houses, EVABC, LEAF, YWCA Canada, OCASI.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## Financial Statements and Budget Forecasts

April 2020 to March 2021

REVENUE	Financial Statements April 2020-March 2021	Budget Forecasts April 2021-March 2022
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA (WGE)	—	\$54,716.00
CANADIAN WOMEN'S FOUNDATION	\$61,665.00	\$30,000.00
GOVERNMENT OF QUÉBEC (SAIC)	—	—
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT (AG)	—	—
FONDATION DES FRANCOPHONES DE LA C.-B.	—	—
BANK INTEREST + DONATIONS	\$145.00	\$558.00
DEFERRED AMOUNT	\$55,012.00	\$43,270.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$116,822.00</b>	<b>\$128,544.00</b>
EXPENDITURE	Financial Statements April 2020-March 2021	Budget Forecasts April 2021-March 2022
ADVERTISING	—	\$360.00
TRAVEL	—	\$500.00
SALARIES AND PAYROLL BENEFITS	—	—
PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES	\$72,194.00	\$92,434.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$878.00	\$5,200.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$180.00	—
OFFICE PREMISES	—	—
OTHER	\$300.00	\$50.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$73,552.00</b>	<b>\$98,544.00</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>\$43,270.00</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>





# DONORS AND MEMBERS

Our Donors and members are essential for the existence of Inform'Elles.

To the **donors** and **members** of Inform'Elles, we would like to **thank you all** for your **support!**

Thank you to our funders of 2020 -2021



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