

EmpowerMen - Law Enforcement Conference 2025

222 Broadway Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0R3, Canada

November 24

Registration

November 24

03:00PM - 07:00PM

Fort Garry Hotel -
Lobby area

Informal Meet-Up

November 24

06:00PM - 08:00PM

Fort Garry Hotel
Lobby / Oval Room

November 25

Registration and Networking Breakfast

08:00AM - 08:30AM

November 25

Provencher
Ballroom

Opening Ceremony

08:30AM - 09:30AM

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Keynote 1 - Normalising the Buying of Sexual Acts and Violence Against Women and Girls

09:30AM - 10:30AM

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Speakers

Reem Alsalem - United Nations

Health/Coffee Break

10:30AM - 11:00AM

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Keynote 2 - Empowering Survivors: Ontario's Human Trafficking Legal Support Program

November 25

11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Speakers

Kelly Beale - Ontario Ministry of Justice

Lunch

November 25

12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Workshop 1/A1 - MMIR in Minnesota: Survival Sex, Sex Trafficking, and Pathways to Violence & Disappearance

November 25

01:00PM - 02:00PM

LaVerendrye Room

Speakers

Taylor Wencel - Minnesota Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Office

Ana Negrete - Minnesota Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Office

Workshop 2/A2 - MACY: Supporting and Empowering Young People in Manitoba

November 25

01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Speakers

Sherry Gott - Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth

Workshop 3/A3 - How Supporting Parents Helps Trafficking Victims

November 25

01:00PM - 02:00PM

Gateway/Tache
room

Speakers

John Cassells - Lifeworthy

Jennifer Guest - Lifeworthy

Workshop 4/B1 - From Recognition to Restoration: How Survivor Centered Tech is Reshaping the Frontline Response to Human Trafficking

November 25

02:05PM - 03:05PM

LaVerendrye Room

Speakers

Dina Unger - Even4One

Workshop 6/B2 - Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre Addresses Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking

November 25

02:05PM - 03:05PM

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Speakers

Samantha Brown - Cedar Circle at Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre

Chris Molloy - EmpowerMen

Alexis Delaurier - EmpowerMen

Health/Coffee Break

November

25

03:05PM - 03:25PM

Cultural Activity Group - The Dream Weavers

November 25

03:25PM - 03:35PM

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Open discussion - "Journey to Justice: Building Survivor-Centered Systems as a Response to Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking"

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03:35PM - 04:20PM

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Speakers

Moderator: Andrea Heinz

Moderator: Stephen Moorgen

Cultural Activity - Pow Wow Club Instructors TBC

November 25

04:20PM - 04:30PM

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Ballroom

Speakers

Stephen Moorgen

Activation/Entertainment

November 25

06:00PM - 08:30PM

The Forks

November 26

Networking Breakfast

08:00AM - 08:30AM

November 26

Provencher Room

Opening Ceremony

08:30AM - 09:00AM

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Keynote 3 - Sexual Exploitation, Human Trafficking, and the RenAIssance that can End it

09:00AM - 10:00AM

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Speakers

Marcel Van der Watt - National Center on Sexual Exploitation

Highlighting Exhibitors

10:00AM - 10:15AM

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Health/Coffee Break

10:15AM - 10:45AM

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Workshop 7/C1 - The Harms our Children Face Online: It's Worse than You Think

November 26

10:45AM - 11:45AM

La Verendrye Room

Speakers

Jacques Marcoux - Canadian Centre for Child Protection

Workshop 8/C2 - Behind the Scenes: How Collaboration is Changing Ontario's Fight Against Human Trafficking

November 26

10:45AM - 11:45AM

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Speakers

Detective Sergeant Ashley Horton - Ontario Provincial Police

Detective Sergeant Scott Chalkley - Ontario Provincial Police

Workshop 9/C3 - Prosecuting Sexual Offences in the Digital Age

November 26

10:45AM - 11:45AM

Gateway / Tache
Room

Speakers

Alanna Littman - Manitoba Justice Prosecution Service

Shane Smith - Manitoba Justice Prosecution Service

Lunch

November 26

11:45AM - 12:45PM

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Cultural Activity - Nikki Komaksiutiksak

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12:45PM - 01:00PM

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**Workshop 10/D1 - Gaps in the System: How and Why
Canadians are Using Online Technologies to Engage in
Sexual Exploitation**

November 26

01:00PM - 02:00PM

La Verendrye Room

Speakers

Prof. (Emeritus) John Winterdyk - Mt. Royal University

Brian Rae - Buyer Resist

**Workshop 11/D2 - Sex Buyer Suppression & Sex Worker
Wellness**

November 26

01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Speakers

Sgt. Cathy Farrell - RCMP Manitoba

Sgt. Shawn Trinder - Winnipeg Police

Workshop 12/D3: Human Trafficking and Exploitation at the Border and Inland

November 26

01:00PM - 02:00PM

Gateway / Tache
Room

Speakers

Brad James-Thiessen - Canada Border Service Agency

Erin Slatcher - Canada Border Service Agency

Stacie Bowe - Canada Border Service Agency

Health/Coffee Break

**November
26**

02:00PM - 02:20PM

DAC Ghyslain Vallières Memorial Award

November 26

02:20PM - 02:30PM

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Speakers

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Workshop 13/E1 - The Role of an Analyst in Human Trafficking Investigations

November 26

02:30PM - 03:20PM

La Verendrye Room

Speakers

Tasha Jayatunge - Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams

Workshop 14/E2: Creating Manitoba's Red Dress Alert System

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02:30PM - 03:20PM

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Speakers

Denise Cook - Giganawenimaanaang / Red Dress Alert

Kim McPherson - Giganawenimaanaang / Red Dress Alert

Workshop 15/E3 - Behind Closed Doors: How Municipal Licensing Enables Sexual Exploitation in Canada

November 26

02:30PM - 03:20PM

Gateway / Tache
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Speakers

Casandra Diamond - BridgeNorth

Andrea Heinz - Alberta Centre to End Trafficking

Open discussion - "From Bystanders to Leaders: Mobilizing Men to Prevent Exploitation and Trafficking"

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03:20PM - 04:10PM

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Speakers

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Cultural Activity Group – The Dream Weavers

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04:10PM - 04:30PM

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