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EmpowerMen - Law Enforcement Conference 2025

222 Broadway Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0R3, Canada

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NOVEMBER 24

Registration

03:00PM – 07:00PM

Fort Garry Hotel - Lobby area

Informal Meet-Up

06:00PM – 08:00PM

Fort Garry Hotel Lobby / Oval Room

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NOVEMBER 25

Registration and Networking Breakfast
08:00AM – 08:30AM

Provencher Ballroom

Opening Ceremony
08:30AM – 09:30AM

Provencher Ballroom

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

Provencher Ballroom

Keynote 2 - Empowering Survivors: Ontario's Human Trafficking Legal Support Program
11:00AM – 12:00PM

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Speakers: Kelly Beale - Ontario Ministry of Justice

Lunch
12:00PM – 01:00PM

Provencher Ballroom

Workshop 1/A1 - MMIR in Minnesota: Survival Sex, Sex Trafficking, and Pathways to Violence & Disappearance
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
01:00PM – 02:00PM

Provencher Ballroom

Speakers: Sherry Gott - Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth

Workshop 3/A3 - How Supporting Parents Helps Trafficking Victims
01:00PM – 02:00PM

Gateway/Tache room

Speakers: John Cassells - Lifeworthy, Jennifer Guest - Lifeworthy

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

02:05PM – 03:05PM

LaVerendrye Room

Speakers: Dina Unger - Even4One

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

02:05PM – 03:05PM

Provencher Ballroom

Speakers: Samantha Brown - Cedar Circle at Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre, Chris Molloy - EmpowerMen, Alexis Delaurier - EmpowerMen

Health/Coffee Break

03:05PM – 03:25PM

Cultural Activity Group - The Dream Weavers

03:25PM – 03:35PM

Provencher Ballroom

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

03:35PM – 04:20PM

Provencher Ballroom

Speakers: Moderator: Andrea Heinz, Moderator: Stephen Moorgen

Cultural Activity - Pow Wow Club Instructors TBC

04:20PM – 04:30PM

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Speakers: Stephen Moorgen

Activation/Entertainment

06:00PM – 08:30PM

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Networking Breakfast
08:00AM – 08:30AM

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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
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
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
10:45AM – 11:45AM

Gateway / Tache Room

Speakers: Alanna Littman - Manitoba Justice Prosecution Service, Shane Smith - Manitoba Justice Prosecution Service

Lunch
11:45AM – 12:45PM

Provencher Ballroom

Cultural Activity - Nikki Komaksiutiksak
12:45PM – 01:00PM

Provencher Ballroom

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

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

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

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

02:00PM – 02:20PM

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02:20PM – 02:30PM

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Speakers: Moderator: Stephen Moorgen

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

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

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

02:30PM – 03:20PM

Gateway / Tache Room

Speakers: Casandra Diamond - BridgeNorth, Andrea Heinz - Alberta Centre to End Trafficking

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

03:20PM – 04:10PM

Provencher Room

Speakers: Moderators: Stephen Moorgen / Andrea Heinz

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Cultural Activity Group – The Dream Weavers 04:10PM – 04:30PM

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