Violence Prevention & Trafficking Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People Facilitator's Notes

A Note to Facilitators

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Introduction

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	Go over housekeeping items (i.e., washroom location, general schedule for the day).
	Also note that the topics you will be discussing may trigger a negative memory/event. Review the safety protocols you have in place (i.e., time and space for smudging and frequent breaks).
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Trafficking Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People: A Brief Overview

Slide Title Facilitator's Notes This section is intended for non-Indigenous audiences and should Trafficking Indigenous Women, Girls & be reviewed before the industry-specific sections. 2SLGBTQQIA+ Peoples: A Brief Överview Review the table of contents. What Is Human Trafficking? Table of Why Indigenous Women and Girls? Contents **Trafficking Indigenous** Women and Girls Human trafficking "involves the recruitment, transportation, harbouring and/ or exercising control, direction or influence over What is Human Trafficking? the movements of a person in order to exploit that person, Human Trafficking typically through sexual exploitation or forced labour." (Department of Justice, 2020) Human trafficking isn't always obvious. There may not be clear signs that a person is a victim of trafficking and some individuals may not even realize they are being trafficked. Trafficking happens in the open but is often invisible because it is based on manipulation and coercion. This is a good resource on the common myths about human trafficking. Indigenous women and girls experience disproportionate rates of violence, including trafficking in Canada. Why Indigenous Women and Girls?

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It is important for all Canadians to understand what colonialism truly means. Being aware of how colonialism shapes our perception and the experiences of Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people helps us understand why and how they are targeted by violent perpetrators.

Trafficking Indigenous Women and Girls

Unpacking historical influences and contemporary experiences of Indigenous Women and Girls being trafficked.

In this session, we will be looking at the historical influences and contemporary experiences of Indigenous women and girls who are trafficked.



Colonialism is the practice of taking over parts or all of another land or country in order to exploit the land, resources, and people. In some cases, this land is also populated by settlers. While many people believe colonialism is something that only occurred in the past, it is a complex system that remains in effect today.

Settler colonialism continues to dominate the lives of Indigenous women and girls. It shapes media representations of Indigenous women and girls and informs peoples' beliefs about their value. It also contributes to the indifference and racism they face across systems that are supposed to help support and protect them, including child welfare services, the justice system, and policing. Because these systems are informed by colonial beliefs about race, Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people are treated differently. This increases their vulnerability and contributes to disproportionate rates of violence, sexual exploitation, and trafficking.



The roots of indifference and racism are in colonial narratives, which includes the idea that settlers are superior to, and have the right to take from and rule over Indigenous Peoples. Europeans portrayed Indigenous Peoples as "subhuman: inferior, backwards, uncivilized, deviant, dirty and inherently worthless to dominant society" (Bourgeois, 2015, 1445). These beliefs helped justify past violence against Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA people in particular.

These negative portrayals are further compounded by sexism, homophobia and transphobia. Indigenous women and girls were historically framed as sexually available objects and placed in the lowest class of society (Sikka, 2010). This colonial hierarchy persists today. It influences how Canada's governments operate and is reflected in our laws, policies, and practices. The outcomes of these influences may be more covert than they once were, but they continue to impact all of us.

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- As slavery practices began to decline, a "near universal conflation" of Indigenous women and prostitution emerged (Sikka 2010: 207). Because Indigenous women were seen as 'unhuman,' sexual violence against them became normal and was never punished.
- The continuation of this violence today is particularly true for Inuit peoples:
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The violence that Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people face is so pervasive that violence has become "part of the 'package' that some Johns pay for and feel entitled to" (NWAC, 2014, 47). Testimonies provided by individuals who have been exploited indicate that the violence they experience is so extreme, it may be best characterized as torture (NWAC, 2014).

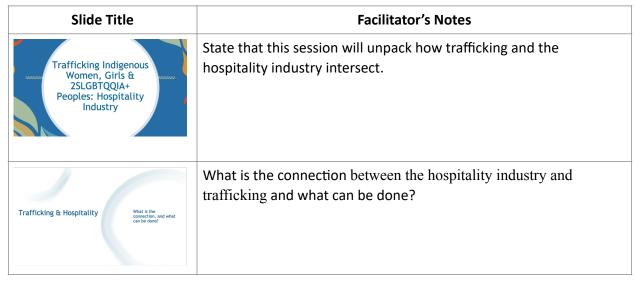
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It is well-known and documented that poverty, abuse, involvement in child welfare, and criminalization all increase the vulnerability of Indigenous women and girls to exploitation and trafficking (NWAC, 2014). However, these factors and their root causes are often ignored. There are relatively few safe supports for Indigenous Peoples.

Traffickers know this and target individuals with these experiences. For example, a study of sex trafficking in Canada by the Canadian Women's Foundation found that 50% of victims were "recruited between the ages of 9 and 14," 87.5% had been sexually abused before being trafficked, and "71% reported being forced to have sex with doctors, 60% with judges, 80% with police, and 40% with social workers" (Canadian Women's Foundation 2014: 31). This study also found that 51% of trafficking victims had been in the child welfare system. These numbers demonstrate how systems that are supposed to protect Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people are not only indifferent in their exploitation, but may be actively involved.



Trafficking Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People: Hospitality Industry



Trafficking & Hospitality

How Trafficking and the Hospitality Industry are
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Some hotels and motels that are used for trafficking may be located in poorer or 'red-light' districts, or in areas where Indigenous populations are more likely to live.

Some hospitality operators may even be aware that trafficking is taking place in their establishment but turn a blind eye because they make large profits off the hourly rated rooms used by traffickers. There is a priority to meet customer demands, even if that means permitting known violence to continue.

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What You Can Do

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Remember that trafficking is a hidden form of violence and traffickers adapt quickly.

Individuals being trafficked may be trained by their trafficker on how to enter and access spaces without drawing attention to themselves. These victims may be extremely well-dressed and seem to 'belong.' They may be taught to blend in and may have briefcases, be on a phone call, or visibly showing a key card (that may only look similar to an actual key card for that hotel/motel).

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We understand it is important to respect a guest's privacy and to not be intrusive. In practice, showing that you are open and there to help can be as simple as making eye contact and showing that Indigenous women and girls are valued and respected.

Human trafficking may be well-disguised:

"Sometimes the victim is accompanied by another person that is also inconspicuous in nature. A female may accompany a youth or child as though they are the mother (holding hands or even arguing about things to put off staff; 'I'm not buying you \$200 runners on this trip as it simply isn't affordable.')" Survivor Circle participant

This is only one example of many tactics used by victims and traffickers to avoid catching the eye of hospitality staff.

Trafficking & Hospitality

- What You Can Do: What to Do if You Suspect Trafficking
- Do not directly engage with the suspected trafficker or victim, as it may put the victim
- Call the Canadian Human Trafficking Hotling: (1-833-900-1010)
- Contact a local organization that supports victims and survivors of trafficking. Note this is a preferred contact over law enforcement because there is a risk officer may hold racist views or stigma against Indigenous women, girls or ZSLGBTQQIA+ people involved in trafficking.
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Managing for Safety: Suggestions from a Survivor

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- Consider making lobby elevators accessible by key card.
- Ensure that front desk staff engage with customers as they enter.
- Consider having greeters at entrances who are trained to look for trafficking cues.
- Install cameras in visible areas that extend outside the parking lots.
- Post a symbol or sign at your entrance that lets customers know you support anti-trafficking initiatives and are affiliated with law enforcement and/or local organizations.

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anaging for Safety: Preventative Step

- Ensure staff are educated about human trafficking and know how they can help.
- Ensure staff have a safe and supported way to report suspected trafficking. Consider that some staff might not report suspicious activity if they fear reprisal.
- Design a clear plan of action if staff identify a possible trafficking situation.
- Ensure that concerns and incidents are recorded by management. It is important to keep a record of incidences for investigative purposes.
- Find out if your facility is vulnerable to use by traffickers and put safety measures in place. Keep in mind that events like meetings, conventions, and expositions can also increase trafficking.
- Consult with organizations that support victims and survivors of trafficking.

Trafficking & Hospitality

- Learn about colonialism and colonial violence, and how it affects Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people.
- Tell others about how Indigenous women and girls are marginalized, exploited, and made vulnerable by colonialism.
- Place blame where it belongs--with the perpetrator.
- Value the lives of Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, believe they are deserving of protection and safety, and act on this.
- Treat Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people with respect, approach them as equals, and view them as sacred.
- Ask women who may be in need if they want help. If they do, ask how they may be helped.



"The hotel and trucking industry has the power and means to advertize and make a huge impact on this most horrendous act that has been overlooked for too long. Please, I implore every one of you reading my words to stop and imagine that at any time these poor children, women, and men could be your very own loved ones. Lastly, no one is safe from becoming a victim, not your children, wives, mothers, brothers, or even yourself, and that is the sobering reality of human trafficking. As humans, it is our responsibility to take action." Survivors Circle participant