



# An Introduction to CFUW

Realizing potential. For all women.  
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# In the beginning...

## University Women's Clubs

- UWC Toronto (1903)
  - UWC Vancouver (1907)
  - UWC Victoria (1908)
  - UWC Winnipeg (1909)
  - UWC Edmonton & UWC Ottawa (1910)
  - UWC Regina (1916)
  - UWC Saskatoon (1918)
- and the McGill Alumnae Association

# CFUW Established in 1919



# Broadening the Membership

- Around 2009, the Associate Member category was dropped and any woman who supported the mission and vision of CFUW could become a full member.
- Now there are 2 categories of Membership – full and student

# Vision and Mission

## Vision

Women and girls are educated and empowered to make transformative change in the world.

## Mission

Achieve educational and economic equality and social justice through continuous learning and empowerment

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# Our Clubs

- 95 clubs across Canada, including two virtual clubs: CFUW Canada-GWI Club and an E-Club
- Clubs range in size from 3 (Pictou County, NS) to over 400 members (Ottawa)
- 41 Opt-in clubs supporting Graduate Women's International (GWI)
- 56 Opt-out clubs
- over 6600 members in total

**Anyone who identifies as a woman and supports the vision and mission of CFUW is welcome to join**



# What Clubs Do

- Promote Education and Lifelong Learning
- Raise funds for scholarships
- Speakers, study groups
- Address Advocacy Local, Provincial, National and/or International issues
- Develop Resolutions to inform advocacy
- Community Action/Outreach
- Friendship, Interest groups, Outings and Activities
- Stay relevant and responsive to members' needs and concerns
- Most organize monthly meetings



# British Columbia

- 21 active clubs
  - Vancouver Island: 6, Interior: 4, Lower Mainland: 11
- BC Clubs are very active in highlighting Advocacy Issues, such as Elder Care issues, Kinship Care, Violence against Women, Affordable Day Care, Issues for youth in and aging out of Foster Care.
- All Clubs support education for women and girls through the provision of local scholarships
- Diverse connections and interests – some with local Indigenous Women, concern for the women of Bounty and High School education for girls in Africa to name a few.



# The Prairies



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## Alberta (5 clubs)

- Input into provincial budget priorities
- Advocacy related to ensuring effective health care
- Active with scholarship & bursary programs at club level

## Saskatchewan (3 clubs)

- New bursary: New Beginnings Grant (1 provincial grant \$5,000)
- CFUW has the right to appoint a representative to the University of Regina Senate and does so every three years

## Manitoba (1 club)

- The 1919 meeting organizing CFUW was held in Winnipeg
- Active with speakers, programs, scholarships & awards





# Ontario





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- 48 active clubs in 6 Regions. All celebrate the pride of diverse characteristics!
- Ontario Council Clubs are strong supporters of CFUW aims, and actively share the cornerstones of education and lifelong learning and advocate for women on today's issues.
- Ontario Council Clubs proudly represent CFUW in their local communities. The variety of social action initiatives ongoing at any one time is truly amazing! And there is always time for some fun too!
- Ontario members are innovative, believe in diversity and inclusivity, and are always ready to meet today's challenges.
- Ontario Council Clubs are ready for the next 100 years for CFUW!





# Quebec council of CFUW / Conseil Québécois des AFDU





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- 6 Clubs across the Province; 2 Clubs are Francophone
- Strong GWI supporters
- All Clubs are very active in their local community and advocacy includes, Elder Care, Youth aging out of Care, Indigenous Causes, Violence against women, the Environment
- All Clubs support education for women and girls with scholarships and bursaries – 4 Clubs have foundations

# Atlantic Region



The Canadian Federation of University Women Fredericton  
Invites you to a webinar

## VALUING WOMEN'S WORK: PAY EQUITY IN ACTION

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM (Atlantic Time) via Zoom

Join us for a panel discussion about pay equity initiatives to end the undervaluation of women's work.



# Atlantic Region

- 9 clubs: New Brunswick: 3, Nova Scotia: 4, Prince Edward Island: 1, Newfoundland & Labrador: 1
- Several clubs have highly successful book sales (one over \$70K) for scholarships, bursaries, fellowships; one club set up a Charitable Trust Indigenous Women's Award; Total awarded about \$120 K annually
- Libraries, Creative Arts, Advocacy & Community Outreach well supported by clubs; CT awards won in last two years
- Wrote two Resolutions that became CFUW Policies recently
- Strong history of commitment to CFUW (one club celebrating 100 years in 2024, 6 others over 65 years)
- Strong support for Life long learning through speakers & interest groups
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of a very successful club investment group (generally outperforming the TSX)—a charter member is still actively involved in the investment group

# Membership Dues

- Two classes of Member – Full and Student
- Each Club establishes its own Membership dues but all Club dues include an amount payable to:
  - National CFUW
  - Provincial Council
  - GWI (if club is supportive)
  - Insurance
  - Local Club
- These dues are paid to your local Club.





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# We are glad you have joined us

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CFUW is like a 'chain'.  
We know you will make us even stronger!