

The REDress Project

The City of Parksville was once again approached by the Parksville-Qualicum Canadian Federation of University Women's organization to participate in The REDress Project. To support this project, twelve red dresses will be displayed in the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre. The red dresses are intended to be a visual reminder of the more than 1,000 missing and murdered Indigenous women in Canada, whose cases remain unsolved.

The dresses will be on display in the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre from November 26 to December 10 and in other locations throughout Parksville and Qualicum Beach. The REDress display will formally open with a blessing on **Tuesday, November 27 at 1:30 pm**, in the Atrium, 100 Jensen Avenue West. The public is welcome to attend.

Organized by the Canadian Federation of University Women of Parksville-Qualicum, the displays are based on The REDress Project started by Winnipeg-based artist Jamie Black in 2011. Black designed the installations to be an aesthetic response to the issue of missing and murdered Indigenous women across Canada. The artist's intent is to draw attention to the gendered and racialized nature of violent crimes against Aboriginal women. Once again, the red dress display will coincide with the period of the UN's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence.

Additional information about this initiative is available from:

<http://cfuwpq.ca/>

<http://www.theredressproject.org/>

<http://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism>

<http://www.fcfd.org/whatwedo/advocacy/cfuwnationaladvocacypriorities/nationalinitiativeonviolenceagainstwomen.aspx>

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