

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN  
FEDERATION CANADIENNE DES FEMMES DIPLOMEES DES UNIVERSITES

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STRUCTURE AND PURPOSE

The Canadian Federation of University Women, founded in 1919, is a national organization comprised of more than 12,400 members in 120 branches across Canada. It is an active member of the International Federation of University Women representative of 52 national federations and associations across the world.

The Canadian Federation of University Women is dedicated to a fourfold program of individual responsibilities and social goals. These are:

- to assist in developing a sound concept of educational values and in maintaining high standards of public education in Canada; to encourage advanced study and research by women university graduates;
- to arouse and sustain among members an intelligent interest in all aspects of public affairs in the political, social, cultural and scientific fields; to encourage an active participation in such affairs by qualified women; and to promote an opportunity for effectual, concerned action;
- to foster a sense of responsibility and to encourage women university graduates to place their education and professional training at the service of the community in local, national and international fields; to be concerned with human rights and at the same time to safeguard and improve the economic, legal and professional status of Canadian women;
- to participate in the work of IFUW, of which CFUW is a member, in order to bring about understanding and cooperation among women university graduates, irrespective of race, religion or political opinion.

ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMMES

The activities of members of the Canadian Federation of University Women involve issues dealing with education, status of women, protection of human rights and the quality of life. One of the means by which these matters are dealt with is through national resolutions. These resolutions are implemented through letters and personal representation to the appropriate legislative authorities by the members, member clubs and executive members.

In 1982, among the resolutions adopted at the Triennial Conference were a number concerned with pornography, pensions and the Canadian Charter of Rights (copies of these resolutions are attached). Letters regarding these issues were sent to the Prime Minister, premiers of the provinces and appropriate government bodies by CFUW Head Office, Provincial Councils of CFUW, member clubs and Executive Committee members. Personal representation has been made to various ministers of the Government by the President of CFUW and members of the Executive.

In 1983, CFUW continues in its activities in the matters of pornography, pensions and the Canadian Charter of Rights by:

- preparing a report on pensions, specifically on the "Green Paper";
- voicing its concern about pornography in all areas of our society and especially on the issue of pornographic programs on Pay-TV;
- studying and commenting on the Applebaum/Hébert Report on the National Film Board of Canada, e.g., Studio D;
- continued vigilance in areas of human rights, i.e., Native women, disabled persons, and legal rights for women.

Other areas of interest and study are: microtechnology, part-time work, day care, volunteerism, women's role in the changing society, and education in all its aspects.

The Canadian Federation of University Women maintains its communication and cooperation with other organizations and women's groups on issues of mutual concern.