



**Mothers Matter Centre Announces *2020 A Vision for the Inclusion of Isolated Mothers in Canada* Conference to take place from May 5-7, 2020 at Harbour Centre in Vancouver, B.C.**

**Vancouver, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019** – The Mothers Matter Centre will host a conference in May 2020 with the goal of amplifying the voices of mothers who have overcome barriers to inclusion, and exploring the means of unleashing the power of isolated low-income mothers as a force for social, economic, and political change. The program will feature the stories of mothers sharing their journeys as agents of change. It will also highlight the expertise of contemporary researchers, policy-makers, and community practitioners who specialize in gender equality and family wellbeing. There will be four panels relating to topics of:

- 1) Education and leadership development;
- 2) Health, wellness, and safety;
- 3) Economic security; and,
- 4) Social inclusion.

The conference will be led by six inspirational keynote speakers:

- **Dr. Alaa Murabit**, Physician, Advocate, Feminist, Strategist, Speaker, and Writer;
- **Marion Buller**, Provincial Court Judge (Ret.) and former Chief Commissioner for the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls;
- **Dr. Annette Korntheuer**, Professor and Researcher;
- **Ketty Nivyabandi**, Human Rights Defender, Poet, and Advocate;
- **Gauri Sawant**, Director, Sakshi Char Chowgi, and Transgender Activist; and
- **Dr. Miriam Westheimer**, Director of HIPPY International.

**INTERESTED IN ATTENDING?** Registration for the conference is open now at [this link](#).

We are offering a non-profit rate. If you have any questions about registration, please email Natasha Jeffreys at [njeffreys@hippycanada.ca](mailto:njeffreys@hippycanada.ca)

The Mothers Matter Centre is pleased to host this conference in partnership with: Decoda Literacy Solutions, Demeter, Frontier College, ISSofBC, Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society, and NISA Homes. We are also grateful for the support we have received from our Silver Sponsor: Simon Fraser University's (SFU's) Continuing Studies, International, Faculty of Education.

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**Time and Location:**

May 5-7, 2020  
Harbour Centre, SFU, 515 West Hastings St.  
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