

Women Building Peace Conference – February 15 to 17, 2009
Saint Paul’s University, Ottawa, Canada

This was the Fourth in a Series of Workshops and Consultations sponsored by Civilian Peace Service Canada (CPSC) over the past six years. The conference was organized to answer the following key question: **How are women leading and being helped or hindered in their roles as decision makers in peace related endeavours?** The conference also:

- Featured expert presenters on the impact of diplomacy and cultural and structural norms on the role of women in conflict
- Explored issues specific to women faced in domestic and international conflict settings
- Examined blocks to women's increased participation in leadership and decision making
- Identified opportunities and challenges presented by the CPSC initiative to "professionalize" peace work through an accreditation program (currently underway)

CPSC is very grateful for the support to the conference provided by:

- Canadian Department of Peace Initiative (CDPI)
- Saint Paul University
- The Canadian Institute of Conflict Resolution (CICR)
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- The Rideau Institute
- One World Inc.
- The Canadian Voice of Women for Peace
- MDR Associates Conflict Resolution Inc.
- Silver Lining Conflict Analysis Inc.

Please find below links to key documents summarizing the results of the conference as well as copies of papers and presentations made. Also, you will find a brief description of the Canadian Department of Peace Initiative’s first recipient of the Women Building Peace Award, Nicole Charron.

Disclaimer: The opinions and views offered in the papers and presentations found below are those of the authors / presenters. They do not necessarily reflect CPSC vision or philosophy. They were provided to stimulate discussion and to explore potential solutions to observed issues and problems.

1. **Conference Summary – Women Building Peace**
2. **Putting Peace Back Into Peacebuilding** - Keynote Address – Peggy Mason
3. **a) Women Building Peace Award – Nicole Charron**
b) Reflections on Becoming Recipient of First “Women Building Peace” Award – English
c) Reflections on Becoming Recipient of First “Women Building Peace” Award – French
d) Bio – Nicole Charron – English
e) Bio – Nicole Charron - French
4. **Bios of Presenters**
5. **Origins of Civilian Peace Movement – Lyn Adamson**

6. **Civilian Peace Service Canada, Past, Present and Future** – Ross McNaughton and Gordon Breedyk
7. **Jean Augustine, Ontario Fairness Commissioner** – Brief Summary of Comments
8. **The Impact of Diplomacy, Cultural and Structural Norms on the Role of Women in Conflict** - Susan Brown
9. **Cultural Dissent: Supporting Women’s Agency Through Information** – *An Approach to Rights Affirming and Culture-Sensitive Peacebuilding in Afghanistan* - Lauryn Oates
10. **Deborah Chansoneuve** – Brief Summary of Comments
11. a) **Violeta Manoukian – Bio and Paper “The Realities of Women in the Democratic Republic of Congo”**
b) **Presentation - “The Realities of Women in the Democratic Republic of Congo”** – Violeta Manoukian
12. **The Consequences of the War on Terror on Citizens** - Monia Mazigh
13. **The Participation of Women: Recent Experiences in Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding** - Kristine St. Pierre
14. **Action Plans Summary**
15. **Entertainment Evening** – some peace, protest and fun snippets

For pictures of conference proceedings, including the keynote address, the Women Building Peace Award and the Entertainment Evening ...instructions and content to follow.