

Who we are  
What we do



**IMWAH**

Immigrant Migrant Women's Association of Halifax

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## Structure

- Not for profit organization registered in 2013
- Membership is free and open to first and second generation immigrants identifying as women/girls
- Working Board of Directors
- Currently 2 employees
- Board and volunteers are professionally active women



## Mission

IMWAH celebrates the contributions and responds to the challenges and unique needs of immigrant and migrant women and girls.



## Vision

A community free of barriers where  
immigrant and migrant women and girls  
flourish and belong

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Help navigating existing support systems

The poster is set against a light grey grid background. At the top center is the IMWAH logo. Below it, the text "INCLUSIVE EDUCATION FORUM" is written in a bold, purple, sans-serif font. Underneath that, "NAVIGATING THE NS SCHOOL SYSTEM" is written in a smaller, purple, sans-serif font, followed by "FOR IM/MIGRANT MOTHERS AND FEMALE GUARDIANS" in an even smaller, purple, sans-serif font. A thin yellow horizontal line separates this header from the event details. The event details are centered and include: "SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 2020", "10:00AM - 4:00PM", "CAPTAIN WILLIAM SPRY", "COMMUNITY CENTRE", and "16 SUSSEX ST, HALIFAX, NS". Below the address, it says "Please RSVP @ [coordinatorimwah@gmail.com](mailto:coordinatorimwah@gmail.com)". At the bottom of the poster, there are three overlapping speech bubbles with purple outlines. The leftmost bubble contains the text "What are my children entitled to?", the middle one says "What are my rights as a parent?", and the rightmost one says "Where can I find support?". At the very bottom center of the poster is the "NOVA SCOTIA" logo, which includes a stylized sun and waves.

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**INCLUSIVE EDUCATION FORUM**

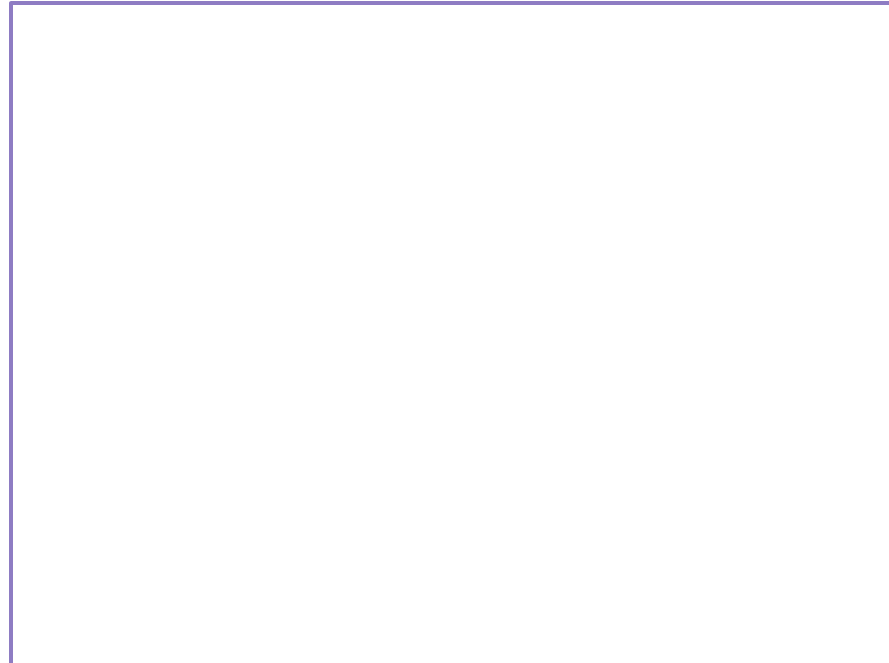
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## INCLUSIVE EDUCATION FORUM

FOR IMMIGRANT  
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MOTHERS &  
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SESSIONS:  
SATURDAY, 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
APRIL 10TH, 2021  
MAY 15TH, 2021  
JUNE 12TH, 2021

Sessions are held on Zoom

Registration: [imwahprojects@gmail.com](mailto:imwahprojects@gmail.com) | 902-957-8487



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Use art based approaches for therapy and building social connections

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## ART & STORYTELLING

A CREATIVE SPACE FOR IMMIGRANT, MIGRANT WOMEN, MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

On bus route #4, #7, #8, #90  
Free program, guided art and storytelling, refreshments provided, parking available

2:00-4:30PM, Saturdays  
January 18th - April 4th, 2020  
Suite 201, 3200 Kempt Rd, Halifax, NS  
coordinatorimwah@gmail.com



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Help women and children fleeing gender based violence

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IMWAH IS ORGANIZING TWO

## WOMEN SUPPORT GROUPS

TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL, WELL-BEING, AND RESOURCE NAVIGATION SUPPORTS.

**Group 1 - Women experiencing domestic or intimate partner violence**

**Group 2 - Women raising children with exceptionalities and learning challenges**

If you or anyone you know is in need of this support, please contact us now to register at:  
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Space is limited.  
This program is open to women residing in HRM

The poster includes the logos for the Government of Canada and the Canadian Red Cross at the bottom.

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The image shows the top navigation bar of the Global News website, including the logo and various category links.

HEALTH

## Immigrant, refugee women face 'complex barriers' when accessing supports to escape domestic violence



By **Aya Al-Hakim** · Global News

Posted January 29, 2021 10:07 am





# What We Do



## Race -Based and Indigenous Identity Data Collection Initiative

Primary Reference Working Group (PRWG)

# What We Do

Use art based approaches for research and community connections



# What We Do

Assess situations affecting immigrant women and girls through community based research



**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU**

JOIN US FOR AN ONLINE GROUP CONVERSATION TO SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES!

Thursday, October 22nd, 6:30-8:00pm  
Saturday, October 24th, 4:00-5:30pm



# Issues faced by immigrant and migrant women and girls

Preliminary Findings from IMWAH Needs Assessment Study

September 2020 - March 2021

- No sense of belonging and community -  
“an invisible wall” felt by visible minority women
- Navigating and accessing available support systems
- Lack of services for women without Permanent Resident Status
- Lack of services for women who are recent arrivals and who have gained Canadian citizenship
- Cost of childcare vs. earning potential
- Underemployment
- Vulnerability for exploitation due to immigration status

# Funders and Partners

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Women and Gender  
Equality Canada

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**Nova Scotia  
Advisory Council on  
The Status of Women**



**Canadian  
Red Cross**



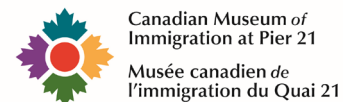
Employment and  
Social Development Canada

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Développement social Canada





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**Q & A**  
**Thank you**