



Media Release

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(Toronto) – On Wednesday, December 3, 2014 Action, Research, Change (ARC), a group of survivors, advocates and activists from across Ontario, will release its **Report on the Implementation of Domestic Violence Death Review Committee Recommendations 2007-2011**.

Since its inception in 2003 the Domestic Violence Death Review Committee (DVDRC) has reviewed cases where murders occurred in the context of intimate relationships, and has provided recommendations in its annual reports designed to prevent further deaths based on these reviews.

Until now, there has been no investigation into whether these recommendations have been implemented. ARC has investigated the 123 recommendations made by the DVDRC between 2007 - 2011 to determine whether they have been implemented.

On Wednesday, December 3, 2014 ARC will release the results at Queen's Park. The Report is expected to be a useful tool that advocates and survivors across the province can take up and use to work for change.

"For every woman who has lost her life at the hands of her abuser, there are many more struggling to survive, trying to find a way to escape the abuse, for themselves and their children. For that reason, we must ensure that all of the DVDRC recommendations are implemented," said Paula Valois, Executive Director of Chadwic Home in Wawa, Ontario.

"If just one woman lived as a result of the implementation of these recommendations, wouldn't that make them worthwhile? What if that one woman was your mother, your sister, your best friend, your daughter? These recommendations can save lives, but only if they are implemented," said Michelle, survivor of violence, who will speak at the Press Conference.

Media Studio Queen's Park
(Ontario Legislative Building), Toronto
Wednesday December 3, 2014 9:45- 10:15 a.m.

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