



Action Research Change to stop violence against women

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Anti-Violence Advocates' challenge to Ontario's Premier on International Women's Day:

make it happen

On March 5, 2015, just in time for International Women's Day, **ARC - Action, Research, Change** is releasing a report card evaluating how Ministries, Agencies and Organizations fared on implementation of Ontario's Domestic Violence Death Review Committee (DVDRC) recommendations directed at them between 2007 and 2011.

Since its inception in 2003 the Domestic Violence Death Review Committee 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 **ARC** released its report in December 2014 documenting the status of implementation of the 123 recommendations made between 2007 and 2011, no one, including the government of Ontario, had bothered to report what had been done with these potentially life-saving recommendations.

While we celebrate the leadership, accomplishments, and equality aspirations of women this International Women's Day, we must recognize the lived realities of many Ontario Women who remain at risk and unsafe. We challenge all Ontario MPPs, including Premier Wynne, during International Women's Week to #make it happen and end violence against women.

"I'd like to see Premier Wynne, former Minister of Education, work harder to ensure all Ministries in her government get A's on the report card. We will continue to review their work and publicise their report cards until they all get straight A's. Ontario women deserve no less" said Michelle M., ARC member and survivor of violence.

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To see ARC's report released in December visit www.arcstopvaw.ca

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