

NORTHEASTERN ONTARIO RESEARCH ALLIANCE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

NORAHT Updates:

In March for International Women's Week at Nipissing University, NORAHT had the pleasure to assist in funding a workshop led by SWANS (**Sex Worker Advisory Network of Sudbury**). See

<https://www.swansudbury.com>

The workshop was well received by community members, service providers and students from the region. The workshop provided information on how to create safer and more inclusive spaces for women in sex work. The following day, **Project ArmHer** performed their multi-media project at Nipissing University, displaying the creative contributions of women with lived experience in sex work and their allies.

For more info & updates:

See NORAHT's website at

<https://noraht.nipissingu.ca>

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The Northeastern Ontario Research Alliance on Human Trafficking (NORAHT) is a partnership between Amelia Rising Sexual Assault Centre of Nipissing, the Union of Ontario Indians: Anishinabek Nation, the AIDS Committee of North Bay and Area and Nipissing University that formed in 2013 to examine human trafficking and sexual exploitation in northeastern Ontario. The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada generously supports this research. We acknowledge Nipissing First Nation, on whose traditional territory we are located.

News and Upcoming Events

➤ The Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline is now accepting calls: **1-833-900-1010**. Anti-human trafficking resources can also be accessed at <https://www.canadianhumantraffickinghotline.ca/>:

- Tip submission form
- Public referral directory of social services
- Education and outreach materials
- Statistics and research reports
- Calendar of events

➤ Biidabin Healing Lodge, 2019 Annual Wellness Conference. "Healing Today for a Better Tomorrow." September 4-6, 2019. Quattro Hotel, Sault Ste. Marie. Workshops on human trafficking, exploitation, gang prevention and more! For more information Call 1-888-432-7102 or (807) 229-3592 ext. 655 or Email melissa.desmoulin@biidaaban.com.

Do you or a family member have lived experience in human trafficking or the sex trade?

If yes, we invite you to participate in a research interview or focus group.

The purpose of the interview/focus group is to discuss indicators and experiences of human trafficking and what services need to be available to persons who are being trafficked.

All participants will receive a \$40 honorarium for their time.

Interview option: The individual interview will take approximately 1 hour at a date and time of your choosing (telephone, Skype, or in person).

Focus group option: If enough people are interested in having a focus group, it will take approximately 2 hours, with snacks and parking/bus fare provided.

For more information and/or to participate in our research please contact Dr. Rosemary Nagy or Brenda Quenneville, MSW, RSW at rnagy@nipissingu.ca or brendaq.msw.rsw@gmail.com.

Upcoming Webinars for Education and Awareness

In the fall of 2017, we held 8 workshops across the northeast region to identify gaps and barriers to service provisions for trafficked persons. In the fall of 2018, we held three follow-up conferences in Timmins, Sudbury and Sault Ste Marie (SSM in partnership with HOPE Alliance and the PACT grandmothers) in order to share our results, get further feedback, and provide education including by having survivors of human trafficking share their experiences.

NORAHT is currently working toward the next steps of our participatory action research: the “output” phase where we create toolkits and other resources. Participants at our workshops and conferences clearly identified the need for education, collaboration, culturally-specific resources, and the inclusion of lived experience.

We have decided that **webinars** are a cost-effective and relatively accessible mode of delivery. Based on our research and your input, the members of NORAHT have brainstormed some ideas for what we think would be beneficial topics of conversation for the upcoming webinars:

- Trauma-informed responses to human trafficking
- Sex work informed responses to human trafficking
- Strategies for collaboration
- Harm reduction and human trafficking
- MMIWG2S and human trafficking
- Structural drivers of human trafficking

We aim to include voices of lived experience in the production of these webinars and to engage decolonial and Indigenist perspectives throughout.

We’d like your feedback and involvement on these suggestions for moving forward. We’ll shortly be sending you a survey for your input. Or you can contact us at anytime: noraht@nipissingu.ca. Miigwetch!

Brenda Quenneville and Gina Snooks are already working on the **trauma-informed webinar**: If you have any advice or information regarding trauma informed healing practices, please contact Brenda at brendaq.msw.rsw@gmail.com.