



Diane Redsky

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From 2011 until 2015, Diane was Project Director for the National Task Force on Human Trafficking of Women and Girls in Canada. This role led her to work with experts in Canada and abroad to address the sexual exploitation/trafficking of Canadian women and girls. ***Together, we can give a voice to survivors, end this extreme form of violence against women and girls and stop this violation of human rights.*** This meaningful work resulted in National Task Force Report with 34 recommendations to end sex trafficking in Canada.

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- In 2012, Diane received the YMCA-YWCA Women of Distinction Award and Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for her work on addressing violence against Indigenous women in Canada.
- In 2013 and 2016, Diane spoke on the issue of Human Trafficking of Canadian Girls and Violence Against Indigenous Women and Girls before the United Nations in New York City and Geneva Switzerland.
- In 2013, Diane was inducted into the Order of Manitoba for her leadership and significant contributions to improve the lives of women, children and Winnipeg's urban Indigenous peoples.
- In 2016, Diane was awarded the Leadership Award by the Joy Smith Foundation for her work on sex trafficking of women and girls in Canada.
- In 2016, Diane was awarded the Governor General's Awards in Commemoration of the Persons Case for her national and local work on women's equality for Indigenous women and girls.
- In 2017, Diane was awarded with the Senate of Canada Medal and Innovator/Visionary Award from the Joy Smith Foundation for her work to end sex trafficking in Canada.

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Short: Sex Trafficking Bio:

Diane Redsky has dedicated the past 15-years to work with experts in Canada and abroad to address the sexual exploitation/trafficking of Canadian women and girls. "Together, we can give a voice to Survivors, end this extreme form of violence against women and girls and stop this appalling violation of human rights." Diane led a National Task Force who in 2014 concluded 34 recommendations to end Sex Trafficking of Women and Girls in Canada.

Longer Sex Trafficking Bio:

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She has been acknowledged: Order of Manitoba, YMCA-YWCA Women of Distinction Award, Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, Leadership and Innovator/Visionary Award by Joy Smith Foundation and Governor General's Awards in Commemoration of the Persons Case and Senate of Canada Medal.

Shorter General Bio:

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First Nation Bio:

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