



Media Backgrounder

About the project

2014 is a historic year on Prince Edward Island, a year that marks the 150th anniversary of the Charlottetown Conference, and the resulting vision that led to the formation of Canada. The Charlottetown Conference was a meeting that enabled 23 men to create a bold vision, form relationships and begin conversations about what our country could be.

A coalition of women's organizations in Prince Edward Island has come together, with support from PEI 2014 Inc., to commemorate the Charlottetown Conference and celebrate the vital role women played and will continue to play in the advancement of our country. And recognize that in 2014 women hold many leadership roles in all sectors of our society.

Through the project we want to know, what do 23 women envision for our country for the next 150 years?

To do this, *A Bold Vision* will bring together women from across Canada to celebrate Canadian women leaders, create an opportunity for women to be visionaries, to learn from one another and create *A Bold Vision* for the next 150 years.

Partner Organizations and Supporters

A Bold Vision Steering Committee consists of five organizations in Prince Edward Island: Women's Network PEI, PEI Coalition for Women in Government, PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women, the PEI Business Women's Association and the PEI Interministerial Women's Secretariat.

Funding for the Bold Vision project and conference has been provided in part through the PEI 2014 Inc. Fund.

A Bold Vision is very pleased to have six exceptional women leaders from Prince Edward Island serving as Honorary Board members, supporting the project, the conference and championing the project vision.

Honourable Gail Shea

Senator Catherine Callbeck

Honourable Valerie E. Docherty

Chief Matilda Ramjattan

Irene Dawson

Jessie Inman

Visionary Nominations

In recognition of the Charlottetown Conference, where 23 men came together and began the conversation of a bold vision that ultimately became a country, *A Bold Vision* will select 23 women leaders to share their vision for our country for the next 150 years.

Canadians will have the opportunity to nominate women to be a part of this project and present their hopes and plans for Canada's future. The selected 23 Canadian women leaders will complete their own visioning for Canada and be a part of a historic visioning session taking place at Province House, Charlottetown, PEI on September 24th 2014. The results of the process will be compiled and shared in a published anthology.

The 23 Canadian women will also take part in the subsequent *A Bold Vision* conference in Prince Edward Island, September 24th- 26th, 2014 where over 150 additional women leaders will come and learn together.

Who is eligible?

All women are eligible to be nominated, including women from academia, business, community, education, health care, government, non-profits, trades and technology, etc.

Exceptions include members of the steering committee, honorary board, staff and boards of partner organizations and PEI 2014 Inc.

How can nominations be submitted?

Nominations may be completed by an individual (self nominations) or submitted on another's behalf.

Nominations can be submitted online or by paper, all information is located on the project website. Nominations must be received online or postmarked by January 24, 2014 to be considered.

How will the 23 women be selected?

The 23 women will be selected by the project steering committee to ensure diversity among the group. The project is dedicated to having all forms of diversity represented within the 23 women including age, ethnic and language backgrounds, sector and areas of interest.

To do this, nominees will first be reviewed based on their individual leadership experiences and number of nominations received and then collectively, to ensure diverse representation.

Consideration will also be given to the nominee's ability to attend the full leadership conference; it is the committee's hope that all women selected will stay on for the conference.

A Bold Vision Conference

The whole project will culminate in a national 3-day conference that will bring together over 150 of Canada's most influential and aspiring women leaders at the beautiful Brudenell River Resort. During these 3 days, participants will share and learn with some of Canada's greatest known women leaders (and those yet to be known).

This unique conference program will include opportunities for participants to gain skills, strategies and tools to identify and reach their leadership goals; build strong, supportive connections; and leave feeling inspired and empowered to act.

Conference participants will be inspired by keynote presentations and panel discussions with women visionaries in politics, business, community leadership, and leadership in health, science, education and the arts.

They will be empowered by skills and knowledge-building workshops designed to support them to identify their own leadership goals, and gather the skills and connections to reach them. Hands-on, participatory workshops and activities on topics such as networking, personal branding, conflict management, social media and work-life blend will combine with experiential, interactive activities designed to enhance reflection on conference learnings, commitments to personal goals and strengthening connections.

At the end of the conference, participants will have the opportunity to contribute their own visions of Canada's future to a national web-based resource.