

Hon. Eva Aariak to be Honoured as Equal Voice's 2014 EVE Award Recipient in PEI

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Charlottetown: A Bold Vision Steering Committee is pleased to announce that Eva Aariak, former Premier of Nunavut, is the 2014 recipient of the prestigious Equal Voice EVE Award. Ms. Aariak will accept the award on Thursday, September 25th, 2014 while in Prince Edward Island, during a lunch hosted by Equal Voice in her honour as part of A Bold Vision Women's Leadership Conference.

"Eva Aariak's vision for Nunavut and her leadership in critical discussions on the project of nation-building have resonated with women across the political spectrum in Nunavut and beyond," said Raylene Lang-Dion, Equal Voice's National Chair. "We are delighted to partner with A Bold Vision Conference in celebrating Canada's fifth female Premier."

"We are pleased that Equal Voice has chosen A Bold Vision conference to honour Ms. Aariak and her incredible achievements as Nunavut's only female premier," said A Bold Vision Conference chair Sara Roach-Lewis.

In October 2008, Eva Aariak became the only woman elected to Nunavut's 17-seat Legislative Assembly. In November 2008, she was chosen by her peers in the legislature as Nunavut's first female Premier. Prior to her election, Aariak served as Nunavut's first Languages Commissioner where she worked to ensure that Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun were the working languages of the territorial government. Her career has also included working as a CBC Radio Reporter, serving as President of the Baffin Regional Chamber of Commerce and Chair of the Nunavut Film Development Corporation.

"Through Eva Aariak's achievements, young women across the country have seen that women are strong and are shaping the world in which we live," said Kyla Ronellenfitch, Equal Voice's National Youth Chair. "Inspiring young women to believe they are capable of reaching similar heights and making a positive impact is one of her many great legacies."

Eva Aariak will be the 14th recipient of Equal Voice's EVE Award since its inception in 2006. Other recipients include the Right Hon. Kim Campbell, Premier Kathleen Wynne, Hon. Anne McLellan, Hon. Leona Aglukkaq, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Ontario NDP leader Andrea Horwath, as well as Green Party leader Elizabeth May.



Equal Voice is Canada's only national, multi-partisan organization dedicated to the election of more women at all levels of government in Canada. With a presence in every part of the country and a dynamic National Youth Chapter, Equal Voice is Canada's leader in supporting and celebrating women in politics and those women seeking election.

A Bold Vision is funded by PEI 2014 Inc. in celebration of women's leadership. Events include the conference and a public vision session, and launch of the anthology in which 23 emerging and established leaders from across the country outline their vision for Canada's future.

The EVE Award event is open to A Bold Vision Conference delegates. Limited conference registrations are still available at: www.aboldvision.ca

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