

Women Leaders Selected to Create a Vision for Canada

A Bold Vision Announces 23 Visionaries

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Charlottetown, PE: Today in Charlottetown, *A Bold Vision* announced the 23 Canadian women that will create a vision for Canada in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Charlottetown Conference.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Charlottetown Conference, where the Fathers of Confederation came together to discuss a vision that led to the creation of Canada. *A Bold Vision* is a national project launched to select 23 women to come together in honour of the historic event and create their vision for the next 150 years.

“Today we are thrilled to be announcing the 23 Canadian women selected as visionaries for the project,” announced Sara Roach-Lewis, chair of *A Bold Vision*. “While we could have selected any of those nominated, the committee is very pleased with the diversity, passion and experience of the 23 women selected for the project, they are each visionaries in their own right.”

In November 2013, *A Bold Vision* began its search for 23 Canadian women visionaries with an open nominations process encouraging all Canadians to submit names. The response was extensive with nominations received from every province and territory in the country representing a wide range of women from diverse backgrounds. Included in the hundreds of nominations were a Nobel prize nominee, authors, political leaders, a rocket scientist, university students, social activists, artists, entrepreneurs and community volunteers.

The 23 selected women announced today include seven recipients of the Order of Canada, four recipients of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, four PHDs., twelve authors, a spoken word artist, a rocket scientist, a “Hurricane”, a former Prime Minister, a former Premier and a student. The visionaries hail from across the country, from Wolfville, Nova Scotia to Bella Bella British Columbia, the Yukon Territory and Parliament Hill.



The 23 visionaries will each craft their own vision for Canada that will be captured in a unique written anthology available for sale upon its completion. As well, the visionaries will collaborate on a joint vision that will be shared with the public at the Confederation Center of the Arts.

The visionaries will also be presenters and participants at the *A Bold Vision* Leadership Conference taking place this September 24-26th, also in Prince Edward Island. Over 150 women from across Canada will join the visionaries and take part in a unique leadership learning experience – learning both from and with other women leaders about creating and achieving their own visions.

“This project was designed to find women of diverse backgrounds, extensive experience and create an opportunity for celebration and learning by women leaders from all across Canada,” says Roach-Lewis, “and with the unveiling of our 23 visionaries today we are building to an event in September that will be the first of its kind for Canada.”

This national project was brought together by a coalition of women’s organizations including the Women’s Network PEI, the PEI Coalition for Women in Government, PEI Business Women’s Association, PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women and the PEI Interministerial Women’s Secretariat, with support from PEI 2014 Inc.

To learn more about the project or to register for the conference, visit www.ABoldVision.ca and www.UneVisionIntrepide.ca

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