

Women in Cities International – Annual Report

Activities and achievements 2004-2005

- **The Women's Safety Awards 2004**

Objectives

The initiative '*From Making the Links to Changing Policy: The Women's Safety Awards 2004*', launched in 2003, was completed with success. The long-term objectives of the project were: (1) to increase the number of gendered crime prevention programs and policies adopted by local governments; (2) to increase the number of gendered crime prevention programs and policies adopted by community-based women's groups; (3) to build the capacity of these sectors in the area of gendered crime prevention initiatives.

Steering Committee

A Steering Committee involving **Caroline Andrew** (University of Ottawa), **Marisa Canuto** (Femmes et villes international), **Ali Grant** (AMG Consulting : Community Development and Research), **Suranjana Gupta** (Huirou Commission), **Anne Michaud** (Ville de Montréal), **Margaret Shaw** (International Centre for the Prevention of crime), **Soraya Smaoun** (UN-Habitat – Safer Cities Program Nairobi) and **Carolyn Whitzman** (University of Melbourne) supervised all stages of development and implementation of the Women's Safety Awards 2004.

Applications

The Awards were officially launched on November 30th, 2003. There were 96 applications from 33 countries by March 15th 2004. Among these, 56 were Canadian initiatives, and 40 originated from other countries.

Selection

Applications were reviewed and winners were selected by an expert panel of judges. The jury members were: **Ana Falù** (United Nations Development Fund for Women – Andean Region), **Arlène Gaudreault** (Association québécoise Plaidoyer-Victimes / University of Montréal), **Pam McConnell** (City of Toronto), **Pamela Ransom** (Huirou Commission, New York), **Soraya Smaoun** (UN-Habitat – Safer Cities Program, Nairobi), **Ellen Woodsworth** (City of Vancouver) and **Carolyn Whitzman** (University of Melbourne).

Winners

Twelve (12) Canadian projects and ten (10) international initiatives were selected as recipients of the Women's Safety Awards 2004. The complete list of winners and the selection criteria can be found under the 'Awards' section on the website:

http://www.femmesetvilles.org/english/sets_en/set_contest_en.htm .(correction... C'EST LA PAGE FRANCAISE) – MARISA –are you going to put the english reference ?

Announcements of Winners and Dissemination of Results

Canadian Winners were officially announced during the Federation of Canadian Municipalities annual conference held in Edmonton in May 2004. Eleven of the 12 winning organizations attended the conference, and two of the winning women's organization presented their project during the session

'Canadian Women in Municipal Governments'. Winners were also honoured on May 25th, during the 20th anniversary celebration of *Changing Together: a Center for Immigrant Women* attended by representatives from federal, provincial and municipal governments, women's organizations and other community groups. Winners were presented with a commemorative certificate by the Honourable Anne McLellan, [Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness](#).

International winners were announced during the 2nd *International Conference on Safer Cities for Women and Girls*, hosted by the City of Bogotá and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements – Safer Cities Program, November 22-25, 2004.

The winners of the Women's Safety Awards 2004 and the overall project were also the subject of presentations at the Canadian Institute of Planners Conference and the Ontario Professional Planners Institute (July 11-14, 2004), and at several international venues by members of the Steering Committee and the Jury Committee.

Publication and Dissemination of the Compendium of Good Practices

The awards resulted in the publication of the *Women's Safety Awards 2004: a Compendium of Good Practices*, which features the Canadian and International award winners. It provides a detailed description of winning projects and an outline of all projects that were submitted to the competition. This fifty (50) page Compendium was produced in English (565 copies) and in French (555 copies) and is available in PDF on the Women in Cities International Website. The Compendium of good practices has been distributed to **all those groups who are included in the compendium**, to the Jury and Steering Committee members, to the Canadian Federation of Municipalities, and to several relevant government offices, who will distribute the compendium through their respective networks. **Copies in French** are still available for further distribution.

Project Outcomes

The project had resulted in several positive outcomes for women groups and local authorities. Local decision makers in Canada have expressed increased interest toward gender-based policies and programs in crime prevention. Among others, the city of Charlottetown (PEI) has made commitments to increase women's safety and address violence against women and children. In addition, award recipients have seen a greater interest towards their initiatives. Some of the women's groups have been discussing the expansion of current projects and the implementation of new projects with current and new funders. The project has also facilitated the exchange of information between women's organizations and has helped to build the capacity of women's organisations by sharing tools in the field of public safety in order to inspire new initiatives. The project also helped to strengthen Women in Cities international network across Canada and internationally.

Women in Cities International will continue to publicize the results of the Women's Safety Awards 2004 through the distribution of the Compendium. The organization is looking to find a way to fund a second round of awards. By examining the projects submitted for the awards it was very clear that very few local women's groups work in partnership with local municipalities on safer communities. Therefore, Women in Cities International has developed a new initiative which aims to build sustainable partnerships between local women's groups and local governments to address women's safety.

- **Development of the project 'Building Community-Based Partnerships for Local Action on Women's Safety'**

A new initiative: *'Building Community-Based Partnerships for Local Action on Women's Safety'* funded by Status of Women Canada will be carried out between July 2005 and September 2006. The initiative aims to develop and implement a new model of partnership between women's organizations, municipalities and other public bodies on women's safety, in order to facilitate the involvement of women's organizations in the public policy process, and increase sustainable working relationships between public bodies and communities. The outcomes and evaluation of this project will be discussed in conjunction with the World Urban Forum in Vancouver, in June 2006.

- **Updating of the Directory of activities and resources on women's safety**

In 2002, Women in Cities International developed an online *'Directory of activities and resources to promote the exchange of practices and knowledge in the field of women's safety'*. The directory was maintained and improved throughout the year 2004-2005. It now includes all projects submitted for the Women's Safety Award 2004 and new activities submitted through the online form.

- **Participation to conferences/seminars/meetings**

International Forum on Night Time Mobility attended by Anne Michaud, April 22-24, 2004, Roma, Italia

Founding congress of Cities United and Local Governments, attended by Anne Michaud, May 2-5, 2004, Paris, France

Council of European Municipalities and Regions, attended by Anne Michaud, May 7-8, 2004, Paris, France

Federation of Canadian Municipalities FCM annual conference attended by Marisa Canuto, Ali Grant and **11 Canadian women's safety award winners**, May 28-31, 2004, Edmonton, Alberta Canada

Changing together: A centre for immigrant women, 20th Anniversary Celebration, attended by Marisa Canuto, Ali Grant and **11 Canadian women's safety award winners**, May 29, 2004, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Canadian Institute of Planners and the Ontario Professional Planners Institute, Moving Minds: Our Urban Challenge attended by Marisa Canuto and Caroline Andrew, July 11-14, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

UN-Habitat, World Urban Forum, attended by Ellen Woodsworth, Sept. 13-17, Barcelona, Spain

2nd International Conference on Safer Cities for Women and Girls, City of Bogotá and UN-Habitat attended by Carolyn Whitzman, Nov. 22-25, 2004, Bogotá, Columbia

International Centre for the Prevention of Crime, International Crime Prevention Institute, attended by Margaret Shaw and Caroline Andrew, Oct. 4-8, 2004, Montréal, Québec, Canada

International Centre for the Prevention of Crime, Annual Colloquim, attended by Margaret Shaw, Dec. 1-2, 2004, Paris, France

State of Nuevo Leon, Municipality of Monterrey, UN-Habitat and other partners, International Conference on Youth at Risk in Latin America & the Caribbean, attended by Margaret Shaw, Nov.9-11, 2004, Monterrey, Mexico

Spanish Association of Canadian Studies, Annual Conference attended by Caroline Andrew, Oct.13-15, 2004, Gerona, Spain

Autres événements à inclure ?? Avril 2005 : yes

Conférence « Genero y urbanismo» (gender and urbanism), présentation de Anne Michaud, 23 au 26 avril 2005, Barcelone, Espagne

Colloque ciudades y genero, présentation de Anne Michaud, 3 mai 2005 San Sebastian, Espagne