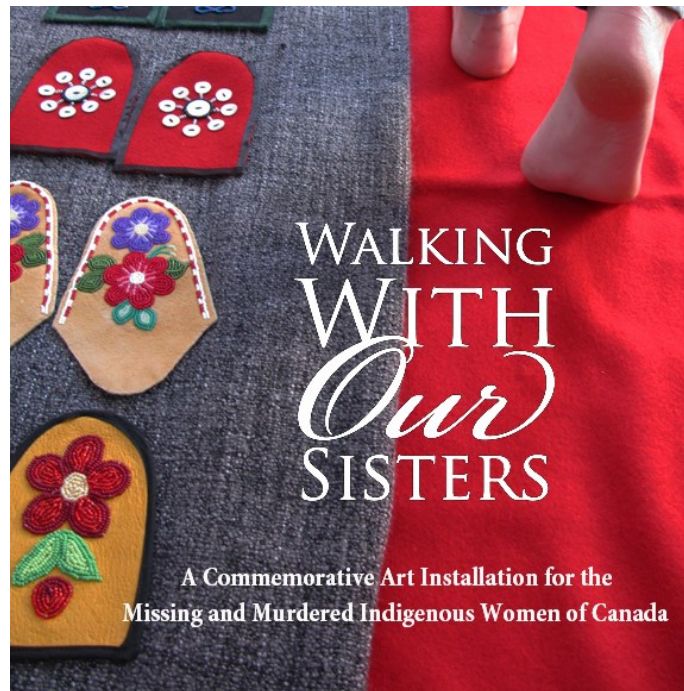


## What is Walking With Our Sisters?

Walking With Our Sisters is a massive commemorative art installation comprised of 1,600+ moccasins (tops) created and donated by hundreds of caring and concerned individuals to draw attention to missing and murdered Indigenous women. The large collaborative art piece exists as a floor installation made up of beaded moccasins arranged in a winding path formation on fabric and includes cedar boughs. Viewers remove their shoes to walk on a path of cloth alongside the moccasins.

Each pair of moccasins (or “uppers” as they are also called) represents one missing or murdered Indigenous woman. The unfinished moccasins represent the unfinished lives of the women whose lives were cut short. Together the installation represents all these women; paying respect to their lives and existence on this earth. They are not forgotten. They are sisters, mothers, aunts, daughters, cousins, grandmothers, wives and partners. They have been cared for, they have been loved, they are missing and they are not forgotten.



**Walking With Our Sister will be in Sault Ste Marie May 4th—May 18, 2014 in the Shingwauk Auditorium at Algoma University**

## How Can You Be Involved?

An important aspect of Walking With Our Sisters is the involvement and inclusion of the community in the decision making and planning process. The project is completely volunteer based.

The community conversations are designed to foster discussion and guide the project. Everyone is welcome to share their ideas, suggestions, and thoughts about the project at the community conversations.

## Volunteers Are Needed For:

- Social media promotion
- Coordinating and helping with youth programming
- Installation/setting up the vamps
- Exhibit helpers to greet visitors and provide support in the exhibit space
- Working with community groups and school groups
- Lots of other tasks—just ask us!

## How to Sign Up

- Add your name to the volunteer contact sheet at any of the community conversations.
- Contact the Shingwauk Residential Schools Centre at [ShingwaukDG@algomau.ca](mailto:ShingwaukDG@algomau.ca) or 705-949-2301 ext 4623



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