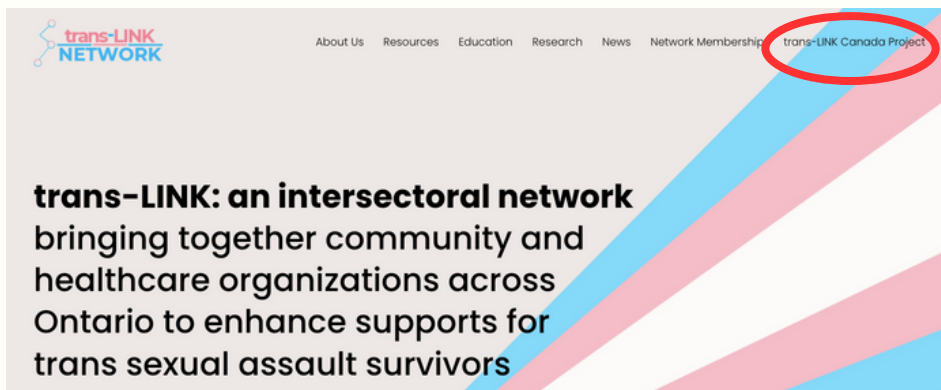




THE TRANS-LINK CANADA PROJECT: PARTNERING TO CREATE AND EXCHANGE KNOWLEDGE ON SUPPORTING TRANSGENDER AND GENDER DIVERSE SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

New National Project Tab on Provincial trans-LINK Network WebPortal



We have updated the provincial trans-LINK Network website to include a new tab for our national project. There, you will find our Objectives, Team, and Updates pages in the tab's drop-down menu. We will be working with our Knowledge Sharing and Exchange Working Group to develop the new WebPortal and will be reaching out to members in the coming weeks.

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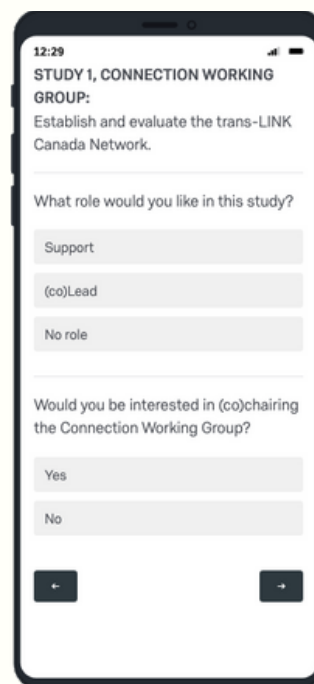
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[CLICK HERE to access the full TEAM page!](#)

Co-Applicant/EDI Champion Meeting

Thanks to everyone who attended our Co-Applicant/EDI Champion meeting on September 18 and completed our Qualtrics survey on research interests! We are excited to report that there was lots of interest from everyone in being involved in multiple different studies in multiple different capacities. We have used that information to begin to form 5 Working Groups for our project (Connection, Context, Advocacy & Accessibility, Education & Training, Knowledge Sharing & Exchange). We will be convening each of the Working Groups in the coming weeks, so stay tuned for an e-mail from us soon!



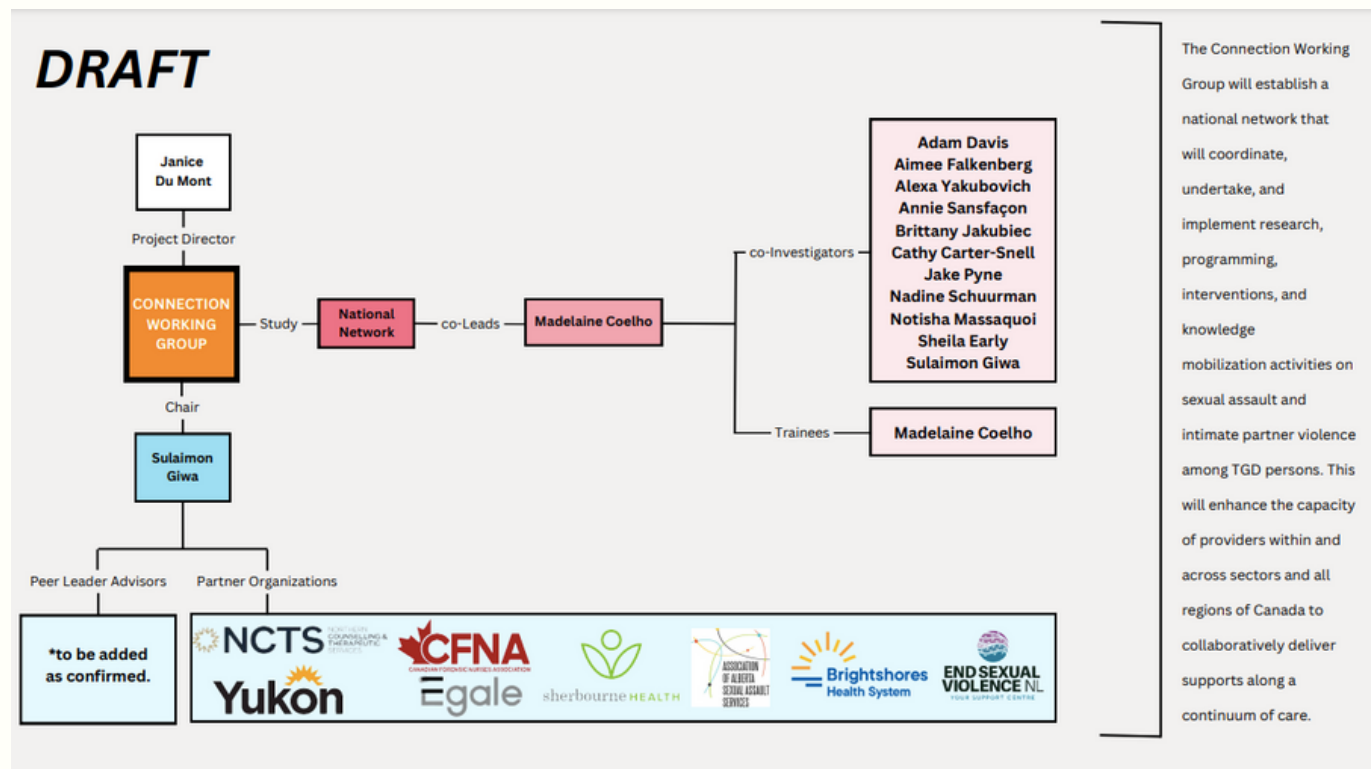
Partner Meetings

Thanks also to all our community and healthcare partner organizations that attended our Partner Meetings on October 2 and October 12! Your attendance and participation in our Jamboard activities were a tremendous help in ensuring that the voices of service providers are reflected in all the proposed project work. We will be reaching out to those of you unable to attend in the coming weeks to gauge your interest in joining a Working Group.

Connection	Context	Advocacy & Accessibility	Education & Training	Knowledge Sharing & Exchange
Brightshores Egale Canadian Forensic Nurses Association Association of Alberta Sexual Assault Services End Sexual Violence NL SART- Yukon Government	Canadian Forensic Nurses Association Egale Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton The Youth Project (NS) Sexual Violence New Brunswick Women and Gender Equality Canada (WAGE)	CFNA Canadian Forensic Nurses Association Sexual Violence New Brunswick OAITH Egale End Sexual Violence NL Association of Alberta Sexual Assault Services	Robson Valley Community Services Nova Scotia Health (prideHealth) OAITH Canadian Forensic Nurses Association Egale Salal SVSC SART Yukon Government brightshores Sexual Violence New Brunswick	Women and Gender Equality Canada (WAGE) Robson Valley Community Services Salal SVSC Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton Ignite Counselling The Youth Project (NS) Egale

Working Groups: Update + Next Steps

Based on collective input, we have now drafted diagrams outlining Working Group membership to date. These diagrams will continue to evolve as more partner organizations join a Working Group. The Connection Working Group is our current priority, as we are in the midst of planning our first large-scale biennial regional Community Engagement and Knowledge Mobilization Meetings. We anticipate that these 5 meetings, which will bring together organizations regionally (5 regions: West Coast, Prairie Provinces, Central Canada, Atlantic Provinces, and Northern Territories) to strategize on inter-organizational connection building and dismantling of barriers to collaboration, will take place between February and March 2024. We will be reaching out in the coming weeks to start gathering information on attendance, flight and hotel information for those attending in-person, and dates and locations for each region’s respective meeting. Virtual attendance will be possible and costs will be supported by the grant. Stay tuned for more updates!



CONNECTION

CONTEXT

ADVOCACY & ACCESSIBILITY

EDUCATION & TRAINING

KNOWLEDGE SHARING & EXCHANGE

Recruitment Ongoing: Peer Leader Advisors

We are STILL recruiting Peer Leader Advisors for our project! If you would like a copy of the recruitment flyer (available in English and French) to circulate in your networks, please email Taha Arshad at taha.arshad@wchospital.ca.

Peer Leader Advisor Spotlight

Over the next few months, we will be profiling Peer Leader Advisors as they join our team! In this newsletter, we are profiling Jai Malowski, representing the Prairie Provinces. To see other Peer Leader Advisors recruited to date, visit www.transLINKNetwork.com. Recall that Peer Leader Advisors will play a critical role in centering the voices, expertise, experiences, and needs of trans and gender diverse (TGD) persons in the project.

CALL FOR PEER LEADER ADVISORS!



The trans-LINK Network, bringing together community and healthcare organizations across Ontario to enhance supports for trans and gender diverse (TGD) survivors of gender-based violence, is expanding nationwide. As part of this expansion, the trans-LINK Network team will be leading various research studies and Network-building activities with the aim of coordinating Canada's approach to gender-based violence against TGD persons and building the research base to inform this response over a 7-year period.

We are forming a group of TGD Peer Leader Advisors (PLAs) to shape and guide activities to ensure that the voices, expertise, experiences, and needs of TGD persons are at the forefront of the continued development of the partnership, with the goal of affirming and empowering TGD communities.

WE ARE SEEKING

- Individuals from TGD communities (including folks who are Two-Spirit, gender diverse, genderqueer, non-binary and more) with experience in community work (paid or voluntary)
- A diverse group of TGD people aged 18+ representing various lived experiences
- Representatives from all regions of Canada

RANGE OF ACTIVITIES

- Participate in monthly virtual/in-person meetings (conducted in English), which will take place during working hours (i.e., 9-5, Mon-Fri)
- Provide guidance on regional activities
- Provide input on studies being undertaken and associated documents being drafted (e.g., survey questions, interview guides, knowledge translation outputs)
- Contribute to strategic planning and the development of core policies and processes

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Compensation will range from \$500-\$1,000 per year, depending on activities undertaken. Any expenses to attend in-person meetings will be fully covered.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:
Please contact Taha Arshad at taha.arshad@wchospital.ca with Subject Line "Peer Leader Advisor".

TO APPLY:
Please attach a cover Letter **OR** A 2-minute video in which you describe your interest in participating, province of residence, languages spoken, and any relevant lived experience, as desired.

Learn more about the Ontario trans-LINK Network on our WebPortal:
www.translinknetwork.com

Research Coordinator: Taha Arshad (he/him) | Project Director: Janice Du Mont (she/her)

Jai Malowski (they/she)

Peer Leader Advisor, Prairie Provinces

Jai is a 2Spirit, Métis person, raised on Treaty 1 Territory.

They've volunteered with Pride Winnipeg in many capacities for 6 years and, in 2020, finished a period as Director of Marketing, overseeing a successful brand relaunch. She's also spent 13 years in the travel industry, heading up marketing as well as planning events & coordinating travel arrangements for leisure and corporate travel alike.

Jai also started a local grassroots not-for-profit in Winnipeg during the Covid-19 pandemic, raising over \$70,000 to assist folks struggling with food security as well as unhoused communities.

In their spare time, Jai loves beading, hanging out with her animals, partner, and connecting with the 2SLGBTQIA+ community in Winnipeg.

