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YWCA NWT and Yellowknife Women's Society Invite Community Members to Free Community Lunch Celebrating International Women's Day

YELLOWKNIFE (March 3, 2026) – YWCA NWT and the Yellowknife Women's Society (YKWS) are hosting a [free community lunch](#) this Thursday to celebrate International Women's Day (IWD) 2026 that is open to all.

[International Women's Day](#) offers an opportunity to recognize all the important, wonderful contributions women make in communities every day, while acknowledging the work that is still needed to achieve gender equity in the North and beyond. This year's IWD theme, 'Give to Gain' emphasizes the power of cooperation, collaboration and support.

DETAILS:

- **Thursday, March 5, 2026**
- **12:00 p.m. to 1:30p.m.**
- **Northern United Place auditorium (5403 Franklin Avenue)**

YWCA NWT and YKWS will be serving homemade soup and bannock, with cupcakes donated by Lakeshore Co-op for dessert. Attendees also have a chance to win one of three door prizes from women-owned businesses in Yellowknife.

"International Women's Day is both a celebration and a call to action. Across the North, women, gender-diverse people, families, and communities continue to lead with strength, resilience, and care — often while navigating systemic barriers rooted in inequality and colonial history. At the Yellowknife Women's Society, we see every day how community connection, safe housing, and wraparound support empower people to thrive. Co-hosting this gathering with the YWCA NWT reflects what International Women's Day truly represents: women coming together, supporting one another, and building stronger, more equitable communities for future generations," said Arlene Hache, Interim Executive Director of the Yellowknife Women's Society.

"This International Women's Day, we're excited to join with the Yellowknife Women's Society and invite people to come together over lunch to share conversation and connection. This year's theme of Give to Gain is fitting – whether through donations to a local women's organization, sharing of knowledge or resources, advocating for positive change, mentoring or training a young person, or volunteering time, contributing in various ways advances women and girls and helps create a more supportive, understanding and interconnected world. When women thrive, we all rise," said Hawa Dumbuya-Sesay, Executive Director, YWCA NWT.

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