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The 3rd Annual Niagara Leadership Summit for Women “Innovating Leadership”

Sept. 19, 2016 – Registration is now open for the third annual Niagara Leadership Summit for Women, taking place on Saturday, Oct. 22 at Brock University. Hosted by YWCA Niagara Region, the Leadership Summit is a full day conference designed to inspire, build community connections and recognize women’s leadership in Niagara.

“The Leadership Summit is a forum to celebrate women’s leadership and discover ways to empower women and girls to recognize their leadership and reach their full potential,” said Elisabeth Zimmermann, Executive Director of the YWCA Niagara Region. “It is part of our mission at the YW to support and promote women in leadership to create positive change for all of Niagara and this event is an important part of our work as a community organization.”

The theme of this year’s Leadership Summit is “Innovating Leadership” and the conference will feature a variety of guest speakers, workshops and discussions about innovative approaches to leadership. Topics include creating a leadership culture, open-data and information sharing, breaking gender stereotypes, indigenous perspectives on women’s leadership and much more. The program will feature a keynote address by Brock University Chancellor Shirley Cheechoo, an award winning artist, actor and filmmaker, and the first Indigenous Chancellor in Canada.

“We’re very excited to have Chancellor Cheechoo join us to share her unique and insightful experience as an innovative and accomplished female leader,” said Julie Rorison, chair of the planning committee. “As an Indigenous woman, community activist, an artist and actor, and as a leader in the Brock community, Shirley really exemplifies what innovative leadership is about – valuing diversity and using your passion and talent to make positive change.”

With a variety of guest speakers and topics, the Leadership Summit is about supporting and empowering women in leadership, but it’s not just for women. All are welcome to attend this great community event. At only \$15 per person, the Leadership Summit invites *everyone* to participate in an inspirational day of innovating leadership. To increase accessibility for women with children, child minding will be offered on the day of the Summit. Registration is now open at www.niagaralsw.ca.



Hosted by the YWCA Niagara Region. The YW provides shelter, food and assistance to homeless women and their families in the Niagara Region. The YW is committed to social change and works to create a community that supports women who are living in poverty and assists them through each step towards stability and independent living. On any given night 150 women, children and families can be found sleeping under the roof of one of the housing programs offered by the YW.

For the full line up of speakers and workshops visit www.niagaralsw.ca. Connect on Twitter [@NiagaraLSW](https://twitter.com/NiagaraLSW) and [Facebook.com/NiagaraLSW](https://facebook.com/NiagaraLSW) for more news and information about the conference.

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