

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND:
VICTIMS & SURVIVORS
OF CRIME WEEK 2020,
NOVEMBER 22 - 28, 2020**

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR
INDIGENOUS, RACIALIZED &
2SLGBTQ+ PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES: BARRIERS &
PROMISING PRACTICE**

**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER
27
2020**

1:00 - 2:30 P.M. ET

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PANEL PRESENTERS

Michael Bach
Kelly Johnson
Fran Odette
Ingrid Palmer
Quinn Saretsky

FACILITATORS

Joyce Fossella
Doris Rajan

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This session is open to everyone - but geared to justice service providers - and aims to share information on the issues of access to justice for Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQ+ people with disabilities - specifically those living with mental health and addictions, cognitive disabilities (i.e. Traumatic Brain Injury) and intellectual disabilities (i.e. autism and FASD).

The Institute for Research and Development on Inclusion and Society will share learnings from diverse peoples with disabilities and justice service providers about the problems they face and what they need to address those problems.

Warriors Against Violence Society (WAVS) will discuss their innovative approach for working with Indigenous survivors and their families who, dealing with historically shaped trauma, experience violence in the home.

The highlight of this presentation will be hearing from Indigenous, racialized, Black/Caribbean/African and 2SLGBTQ+ peoples – many with lived experience themselves – talk about the issues and what they believe is needed to increase access to justice for all people.

FACILITATED BY

Joyce Fossella	Warriors Against Violence Society
Doris Rajan	IRIS – Institute for Research and Development on Inclusion and Society

PANEL PRESENTATIONS

Michael Bach	The 'right to decide' for People with Disabilities: Compounded for Indigenous and Racialized Peoples
Kelly Johnson	Indigenous Women
Fran Odette	2SLGBTQ+ and People with Disability
Ingrid Palmer	Black/Caribbean/African Peoples
Quinn Saretsky	Race, Disability and Incarceration

TIME ZONE

10:00	A.M.	–	11:30	A.M.	Pacific Standard Time
11:00	A.M.	–	12:30	P.M.	Mountain Standard Time
12:00	P.M.	–	1:30	P.M.	Central Standard Time
1:00	P.M.	–	2:30	P.M.	Eastern Standard Time
2:00	P.M.	–	3:30	P.M.	Atlantic Standard Time
2:30	P.M.	–	4:00	P.M.	Newfoundland Standard Time

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Michael Bach Executive Director / Institute for Research & Development on Inclusion & Society

Michael Bach has undertaken over 30 years of research and development in Canada and internationally on ways to advance the full inclusion and human rights of persons with disabilities. His research and publications cover disability theory, policy and practice in a range of areas, including education, employment, and funding and delivery of community-based services. His particular area of expertise is in the legal capacity of people with intellectual disabilities. Michael has a PhD in Sociology and Equity Studies from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto, where his dissertation focused on developing a more inclusive theory of personhood on which to challenge the usual equation between intellectual disability and legal incapacity. As an Open Society Foundations Fellow, he continued his international comparative research on the right to legal capacity for people with significant intellectual and cognitive disabilities. Michael is also an Adjunct Professor in Disability Studies at Ryerson University.



Joyce Fossella Executive Director / Warriors Against Violence Society

Joyce Fossella is from the Lil'wat nation in B.C. She is the Executive Director of Warriors Against Violence Society where she has worked for over 20 years. Joyce is an advocate for programs and services that engage men and boys to take responsibility for unwanted behaviours and to end violence against women and girls. She works to help families better understand the reasons for violence and how they can learn to live violence free at home and in the community. She has trained trainers and has presented at several conferences in several communities nationally and internationally.



Kelly Johnson Housing Worker: Thunder Woman Healing Lodge Society

Kelly is an Indigenous front-line worker from the reservation of Six Nations Ontario and has worked in the housing and homeless sector for 5 plus years as an advocate for Indigenous women and their families who experience Intergenerational traumas from poverty, mental health, and human rights violations. Kelly has been a part of several of IRIS projects, providing knowledge and expertise from an Indigenous perspective. When Kelly speaks, she does so not only from her personal lived experience but on behalf of her clients past, present, and future.



Fran Odette 2SLGBTQ+ and People with Disability

Fran Odette is a feminist and disability rights activist for over 25 years, with a focus on the intersections between gender, disability and sexualities. Fran brings a wealth of knowledge on the issues for survivors of gender-based violence through her research, writing and programming in agencies working to end violence against women. Fran is with George Brown College's Assaulted Women/Children Counselor Advocate Program. Fran worked in services focused on gender-based violence, with a focus on violence against women and children with disabilities. Fran also focused on issues related to disability and sex-positivity, providing training to sexual health providers and people with disabilities.



Ingrid Palmer Black/Caribbean/African Peoples

Ingrid Palmer is an award-winning inspirational speaker, a diversity and inclusion consultant, program coordinator, and the founder and CEO of Focus on Ability. As a partially sighted woman of color, Ingrid works with organizations to build stronger and supportive communities. A former Crown Ward herself, Ingrid has championed causes in the child welfare, disability, education, housing, and poverty sectors. In addition, Ms. Palmer serves as Board Chair for the Child Welfare Political Action Committee, Co-chair of the Inner-City Advisory Community Committee with the TDSB, Black Voices Ynited, the Disabilitt Coalition, and is a member of several other grassroots organizations.



Doris Rajan Director of Social Development / Institute for Research & Development on Inclusion & Society

Doris is the Director of Social Development at the Institute for Research and Development on Inclusion and Society (IRIS). She has a PhD from the University of Toronto and a MSW from Carleton University. She is involved in national and international social development and applied research initiatives largely focused on gender-based violence, access to justice, racialized migrant, Indigenous issues and disability rights. Doris has taught community development courses at a variety of post secondary institutions. She has written numerous training resources and advised national and international NGO's on how to conduct effective community-based research. Doris is also a theatre and film artist.



Quinn Saretsky Race, Disability & Incarceration

Quinn Saretsky is a Metis woman from Winnipeg, Manitoba. She holds a BA from the University of Winnipeg in Politics and an MA in Indigenous Governance from the University of Victoria. Quinn has worked in both government and non profit organizations, supporting both youth and adults in the field of criminal justice, for the past eleven years. Her community work is premised on building anti-colonial community-based praxis that incorporates Indigenous feminism and land-based healing methodologies into violence prevention and de-carceration strategies in Manitoba. Quinn works as the Executive Director of the Elizabeth Fry Society of Manitoba, an abolitionist non-profit organization that supports incarcerated women, two spirit and trans folks in Manitoba.

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