



Women's Symposium continues the conversation for change

The City of Edmonton would like to thank the nearly 350 women (and the handful of men) who joined the Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton (WAVE) for the Women's Symposium: Building Leadership & Community this past Saturday.

The conference, which sold out in one day, began with a keynote address by Mayor Don Iveson about the importance of women being engaged in civic life. Attendees broke into smaller groups for facilitated workshops on a variety of policy discussions (Early Learning/Child Care, Poverty Elimination, Transit Safety and Gender-based violence) in the morning and moderated break-out sessions (Politics, Gender Lens, Leadership and Career Advancement, Leadership and Community) in the afternoon.

"My hope is that no matter your credentials or your status, you came away thinking you can participate and make Edmonton a better city," said WAVE co-chair Angelica Hernandez. "The energy of the people here today, seeing so many people being inspired – that's the reward of volunteering."

WAVE was proud to host The Women's Symposium as it brought together a diverse community of local women from various business, political, community and cultural backgrounds. The one-day conference aimed to widen the conversation on how women can find opportunities in different fields and close the gap women still face in today's society.

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