

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS
GIRLS 2012: A CONFERENCE
Mount Saint Vincent University,
Halifax, NS
March 8th & 9th, 2012

The INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN, GENDER AND SOCIAL JUSTICE at Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU) is pleased to invite you to participate in a national conference on GIRLS that will address a range of topics relating to girls and young women of diverse sexualities, cultures, and ethnicities.

Educators, researchers, counsellors, community workers, health professionals, artists, community members, parents, university and school students, and anyone interested in the well being of young women in today's society are invited. This two-day national conference, to be held March 8th to the 9th, will involve visual arts, performances, screenings, panel discussions, workshops, and presentations that explore the topic of GIRLS. The conference will also feature student-focused and student-led workshops and activities targeted to girls in Grades 6-12. Particular emphasis will be given to innovative programs, approaches and methodologies.

Topics include:

- Health and well-being (body image, addictions, mental health, pressure, self-image)
- Media (literacy, social networking, cyber bullying, consumerism)
- Careers (pressures, stereotypes, opportunities)
- Community (activism, local, global)
- Education (lifelong learning, literacy, writing)
- Individuality (transgender, queer/LGBT, self-image, peer pressure, self expression)

Registration fees will be nominal. If you are interested in presenting, please submit a 250 word abstract to: girls2012@msvu.ca. There will be 15-minute, 30-minute and one-hour presentation time slots available. Deadline for submissions is November 15th, 2011. Submissions should be in a Microsoft Word document and include a title, presenter(s) name(s), and affiliation. If you require more information please email: girls2012@msvu.ca with "Information Please" in the subject line.