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Victoria Faulkner
Women's Centre

Four young women to speak at BYTE ConneX for Sexualized Assault Prevention Month

Wednesday, May 20
Baked Café, 6:30 pm
Free

May is Sexualized Assault Prevention Month, and BYTE and the Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre are co-hosting a special version of the BYTE ConneX Speaker Series to help generate conversation. On Wednesday, May 20th, four young female speakers will deliver talks about sexual consent, responsibility, the law, and empowerment.

The event will take place at Baked Café at 6:30pm, and will be hosted by BYTE's Outreach Coordinator Angela Code.

Nesta Hager will introduce the Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre and explain the organization's role in Sexualized Assault Prevention Month. Bhreagh Dabbs, a young lawyer, will talk about consent and the law. Claire Anderson, who is also a lawyer from the Taku River Tlingit First Nation, will discuss the Cindy Gladue case and the role alcohol can play in sexualized assault. Finally, Kelly Edzerza-Bapty will wrap up with an explanation of ReMatriate, a campaign that seeks to showcase the strength and resiliency of indigenous women.

Angela says that it's important to finish the conversation on a positive note.

"There are a lot of statistics about sexualized assault against aboriginal women, and it can make people feel like victims," she says. "By showcasing a group of women who are strong and empowered, we hope that this discussion will leave people feeling like those statistics will change."

BYTE ConneX will kick off at 6:30 on Wednesday, May 20th. If you would like to interview one of our speakers or learn more about the event, call BYTE at 667-7975 or email Angela at angela@yukonyouth.com

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