



ABORIGINAL WOMEN OF QUEBEC : FOUNDATION AND OBJECTIVES

The Association of Aboriginal Women of Quebec is a non-profit organization originating from an initiative of aboriginal women of many different backgrounds who felt the need to regroup in order to make their needs and priorities known. They remarked that the problems of women of the different nations were very much alike and that they felt isolated from one another. The Association of Aboriginal Women of Quebec became, all at once :

- An instrument of exchange between aboriginal women
- A means of making known the needs and preoccupations of aboriginal women
- A structure allowing aboriginal women to have ways of being active in their community
- A spokesperson for the women of Quebec's First Nations, whether they reside in or outside the community.

At the moment, the Aboriginal Women of Quebec represent more than 3,00 women from all Quebec's First Nations, which makes it the only organization that regroups all the aboriginal women of Quebec. Since its foundation in 1974, the objective of the Aboriginal Women of Quebec is, and has always been, to support aboriginal women in their efforts to improve their living conditions and those of their family.

The Aboriginal Women of Quebec have acquired an excellent reputation with all non-profit organizations that are closely or distantly interested in the aboriginal population. We are recognized for our skills in handling files which concern aboriginal women, particularly, the justice and human rights files, the files for the promotion of non-violence, as well as employment and training, and health files

For any information about our current projects, you can contact one of our coordinators. They will be happy to answer your questions.

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