

## Gender Based Violence

The Gender Based Violence Committee is presently working on a Resolution for CFUW on bail laws in relation to domestic violence.

In October journalist Avery Haines, Host and Managing Editor of W5, CTV's premier investigative journalism show, accepted an invitation from UWCNY. She participated in a discussion with club members and guests from several CFUW clubs across the country on bail laws and how the justice system needs to better protect women in domestic violence situations to prevent homicides. A 20-minute documentary W5: Unrestrained was shown on women killed in 2020 by their male intimate partners with weapons acquired soon after they were let out of jail on bail, awaiting trial for prior domestic assaults.

In June 2020, the GBV Committee's advocacy work on gun control legislation was recognized with a CFUW 2020 Violence Against Women and Girls Award.

In 2020, the Committee sponsored a Zoom Panel Discussion on the topic of increased domestic violence during the Covid-19 lockdown. The panelists were Humberto Carolo, Executive Director of White Ribbon and Keetha Mercer, Director, Community Initiative & Grants at the Canadian Women's Foundation. White Ribbon works to end violence against women and girls through education programs and through the "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" campaign. The Canadian Women's Foundation funds programs to address gender based violence, economic security, and girl's empowerment.