

# Ottawa Peace Festival: Gender-based Violence

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Richmond Room, Ottawa City Hall 7:30 pm

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**Gabrielle Fayant** is the co-founder of Assembly of Seven Generations (A7G). She is the recipient of the 2015 Indspire Metis Youth Award and the 2016 JS Woodsworth Individual Leadership Award. Fayant has worked with the National Association of Friendship Centres, Native Women's Association of Canada, Aboriginal Healing Foundation, and Canadian Commission of UNESCO's Youth Advisory Group. At the age of 28, Gabrielle is the access producer, writer and host of a TV show called Noongom, meaning today in anishinabemowin, that highlights today's realities of Indigenous peoples. She is also the interim co-host and producer of the Michif Hour on CKCU FM, a radio show that talks about Metis history and contemporary issues while exploring Metis artists, past and present.



**Shahla Khan Salter** is a human rights activist, writer, lawyer, feminist, and the Director of Universalist Muslims, a federally incorporated Canadian not for profit organization, whose goals include spreading egalitarian understandings of Islam, Muslims and Universal human rights, and connecting individuals and communities, of many schools of thought, both inside and outside Muslim communities, to spread harmony and peace. Shahla previously participated in Ottawa Peace Festival panel discussion in 2014, with another four women, when she spoke about verbal violence against women.



**Anita Vandenberg** is the Member of Parliament for Ottawa West – Nepean, Chair of the National Liberal Women's Caucus and an international expert on democracy and human rights. As a senior advisor to the United Nations, Anita has travelled the globe and learned first-hand the immeasurable value of our Canadian democracy. In her work with the UN, she also managed a global online network to promote women's political rights and participation around the world, called iKNOWpolitics, which operates in four languages with staff on five continents. She is a recipient of the Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal for her work in Kosovo, and a contributing author to the Oxford Handbook of Transnational Feminist Movements. She is also a board member with the Parliamentary Centre, a Canadian, not-for-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to strengthening parliaments around the world.



**Mohamad Jebara** is Chief Imam & Resident Scholar at the Cordova Spiritual Education Center. Through the Center he seeks to establish love, harmony, friendship and understanding through interfaith/intercultural outreach, social responsibility and education. He speaks several languages including English, French, Arabic and Aramaic. Imam Jebara is the author of 105 academic books, and has lectured extensively at prestigious universities around the world. In addition to his intellectual accomplishments, Imam Jebara is a skilled artist and outdoor enthusiast who enjoys, skiing, skating, hiking, among other activities. He is known as 'the cycling cleric' for the frequent long cycling trips he undertakes for charity.



**Qais Ghanem (Moderator)** is a past president of the Canadian Society of Clinical Neurophysiologists and the Canadian Authors Association (Ottawa). He has written 3 novels about Yemeni society, *Forbidden Love in the Land of Sheba*, *Two Boys from Aden College* and *Final Flight from Sanaa* (Perfect Books, 258 Elgin St.), a book of poetry, *From Left to Right*, and co-authored *My Arab Spring My Canada*. He is the recipient of several awards: the Canadian Ethnic Media, the Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organisation and the Top 25 Canadian Immigrants (2015), the Order of Ottawa (2014) the Martin Luther King citation (2015). He hosted the award-winning radio show Dialogue with Diversity and now CKCU 93.1