# #IAmSahraBulle Conference 2026 Agenda

## CONFERENCE THEME

"From Awareness to Action: Ending Violence in Our Homes, Schools, and Communities"

**Date: November 26, 2026**

**Organizers: Sahra Bulle Foundation & the Office of the Vice-President of People, Equity, and Inclusion.**

## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The #IAmSahraBulle Conference, taking place November 26, 2026, is a collaboration between the Sahra Bulle Foundation and the Office of the Vice-President of People, Equity, and Inclusion. Held during the UN's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, the conference brings together advocates, survivors, and change-makers to advance education, dismantle systemic barriers, and promote gender equality and respect.

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## MORNING SESSIONS

### 8:30 AM — 9:15 AM • Registration & Networking Breakfast

Check-in, refreshments, and an opportunity to connect with fellow participants.

### 9:15 AM — 9:30 AM • Welcome and Opening Remarks

### 9:45 AM — 10:45 AM • Opening Keynote

**(Mis)informed consent: How AI scales technology-facilitated gender-based violence.**
**Presented by:** Dr. Bonnie Stewart
This talk examines how AI and misinformation affect consent and agency, including how AI can amplify gender-based violence and risks for vulnerable populations. It explores the limitations of algorithmic consent and the importance of informed consent, while recognizing AI's potential to support survivors.

### 10:45 AM — 11:00 AM • Refreshment Break

### 11:00 AM — 12:00 PM • Concurrent Sessions — Block 1

**Session 1A: Practicing Bystander Intervention and Preventing Gender-Based Violence**
**Presented by:** Dr. Maddie Brockbank
This session explores gender-based and sexual violence (GBSV), barriers to support, and the 5 Ds of bystander intervention. Participants will practise responding through real-world scenarios using a critical, intersectional feminist approach.

**Session 1B: What Survivors See that Systems Miss: Improvidng Recognition and Response in GBV and Exploitation**
**Presented by:** Vanessa Fleming
This session examines the gaps between survivors' experiences of gender-based violence and the systems meant to support them, highlighting barriers to care and survivor-informed responses.

**Session 1C: Beyond Awareness: Community-Led Responses to Gender Based Violence**
**Presented by:** Dr. Boluwaji (Bolu) Olanriu
This session explores preventing gender-based violence through the FGM/C case study, examining harmful practices and culturally responsive approaches to prevention, survivor support, and accountability.

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**Session 1D: When Silence Becomes a System: Practical Tools for Frontline Workers to Recognize, Respond and Act on Gender-Based Violence**
**Presented by:** Dr. Pamela Pine
This session explores how childhood adversity, community silence, and institutional failures shape gender-based violence, with a focus on marginalized women.

### 12:00 PM — 1:00 PM • Lunch & Networking

### 1:00 PM — 2:00 PM • Concurrent Sessions - Block 2

**Session 2A: Unprepared at the Front Lines: Exploring Nurses' Readiness to Recognize to Human Sex Trafficking in North America: Scoping Review**
**Presented by:** Sara Williams
This presentation explores nurses' readiness to respond to human trafficking and its links to systemic inequities. It emphasizes trauma-informed, culturally responsive care that prioritizes safety and autonomy.

**Session 2B: "feeling deeply' Art Installation and 'feeling deeply': Art and Gender-Based Violence Panel**
**Presented by:** Anne Rudzinski
Feeling Deeply is an art installation and panel exploring emotions surrounding gender-based violence and how art is created, displayed, and experienced in relation to trauma.

**Session 2C: Reclaiming Your Voice: A Trauma-Informed Presentation to Cultivate Self-Compassion & Assertiveness**
**Presented by:** Michelle Weglarz
This interactive session explores self-compassion, boundaries, and assertive communication through practical strategies for speaking up with confidence and compassion, using Dr. Kristin Neff's work and the 3 Steps to Assertiveness framework.

**Session 2D: Eight Steps to Getting Out**
**Presented by:** Sofi Khan
This session explores GAWGO's eight steps, from recognizing abuse and planning a safe exit to managing post-separation risks and healing, with a focus on strategic silence and safety planning.

## 2:00 PM — 3:00 PM • Concurrent Sessions - Block 3

**Sessions 3A:**

**Supporting Survivors Across Diverse Communities**
**Presented by:** Marko Kozul and Farah Eideh
This presentation explores how identity shapes experiences of gender-based violence and how to recognize warning signs, overcome barriers, and support survivors.

**Love Shouldn't Hurt: Recognizing Harm, Supporting Friends and Finding Help Through A Hub Without Walls.**
**Presented by:** Madison DeKok, Hub Without Walls (HWoW)
This session explores how to support people experiencing violence through compassionate listening, recognizing barriers, and connecting survivors with appropriate resources.

**Sessions 3B:**

**Bystander Intervention**
**Presented by:** Kaden Reid
This session explores the opportunities and challenges of engaging men's varsity athletes in gender-based and sexual violence prevention. Drawing on preliminary research, it examines what shapes student-athletes' participation in anti-violence work and the potential of athletics to advance prevention efforts.

**Student Leadership at Campus Womxn's Centres**
**Presented by:** Gracie Williamson, Kim Courtis, Addy Taylor
This interactive session explores the experiences of creating and maintaining inclusive campus spaces, led by current and former UWindsor Womxn's Centre coordinators. A Q&A will give participants the opportunity to ask questions.

**Session 3C:**

**Applying Design Thinking Methods to Intimate Partner Violence Mental Health Research**
**Presented by:** Nikoo Aghaei and Jaden Chong
This session explores how design thinking and survivor-led research can improve intimate partner violence mental health research, featuring the Our IPV Story initiative and a hands-on activity.

**Session 3D:**

**Deepening the Conversation: A Follow-Up to Session 1D**
**Presented by:** Dr. Pamela Pine
Building on the morning presentation, this session invites participants to further explore practical approaches to recognizing and responding to gender-based violence in frontline settings. (Attendance at Session 1D is recommended but not required.)

## 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM • Closing Remarks & Next Steps

## feeling deeply:
## An Art & Craft Installation and Social Space

*Presented by the Office of Sexual Violence Prevention, Resistance, and Support*

***Available throughout the conference day***

*Explore Feeling Deeply, an interactive art and craft installation and social space created to encourage reflection, connection, and creative expression. Conference participants are welcome to visit the installation at any time throughout the conference.*

# Additional Information

### Accessibility

Accommodations include:

- Accessible venue and washrooms
- Quiet/Reflection space

For accommodation requests, please contact: afnanal@uwindsor.ca

### Content Advisories

Some sessions may address topics that participants may find sensitive or challenging. Session-specific content advisories will be included in individual session descriptions during the conference registration process to support informed participation.

### Networking Opportunities

Dedicated networking opportunities are available during registration, breaks, lunch, and the closing reception.

*This preliminary agenda is intended to provide an overview of the conference program. Detailed session descriptions, presenter biographies, and other event information will be available when registration opens on October 26, 2026.*