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MMIWG MakerLab Monthly Make Challenge

Two Rivers Gallery is working with the BC Family Information Liaison Unit and School District No. 57 Indigenous Education during the month of May to challenge you to learn more about and make something based on the prompt "**MMIWG - Red Dress**".

The [National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls](#) exposed a national ongoing crisis of fatal violence towards Indigenous women and girls. The intent with this month's MakerLab challenge is to raise awareness within our community about the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) *while honouring, respecting and maintaining sensitivity to the impact it has on friends and families of the MMIWG.*

Red Dresses have become a symbol to honour the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. The Two Rivers Gallery and School District No. 57 service communities along the "[Highway of Tears](#)" where many families have been deeply impacted by the MMIWG. Aligned with the recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the BC Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples we hope that our efforts towards raising awareness to the MMIWG can help prevent further victimization and garner additional support for the families and communities affected.

The following are useful resources to explore information around the MMIWG:

- [Finding Dawn](#) by Christine Welch
- [this river](#) by Erika MacPherson and Katherena Vermette
- Their Voices Will Guide Us [Website](#) and [Student and Youth Engagement Guide](#)

We are encouraging people to **make red dresses** to install throughout Prince George, take pictures of the Red Dress (*no selfies*) and post them on social media with the hashtags: **#MMWIG #reddress #tworiversgallery #makerlabmonthlymakes #SD57Indigenous**

Two Rivers Gallery will host a workshop to crochet a Red Dress with Elder Roberta Prince **live on Facebook on May 13th, 2021 at 6pm.**

Learn more about the MakerLab Monthly Make Challenge [here](#) or for further information visit:

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Donate via: Tammy Meise - Red Dress Society
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