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DAWN Canada Statement to the Shockproofing Communities Conference Participants.

DAWN Canada was looking forward to ensuring that the experiences of women with disabilities were appropriately represented during conversations with the gender-based violence sector this week at the Shockproofing Communities conference.

We have made the difficult decision to withdraw. In our absence we raise the critical need for disability-centered approaches.

In our nearly 40 years of work, DAWN Canada has navigated difficult conversations in the feminist movement with courage and integrity. We must all continue to work together to end GBV and uplift and centre those who are most marginalized and the organizations that carry the work.

We are disappointed that we will not be present to discuss our ‘peer support continuum’ and theory of change. The organizers supported our request to leave our workshop space open. A member of the Shockproofing advisory council will welcome our workshop participants to drop in, share some information, and learn about how to connect with DAWN Canada and our partners in this work.

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DisAbled Women’s Network of Canada

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