

**P118 Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF) Sudbury Fonds
1985-2003
11,6cm of textual records and 46 photographs**

Administrative history: LEAF Sudbury is a local branch of a national non-profit organization called Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF). It works in accordance with the national organization's mission, which is "to promote and ensure respect of women's rights across Canada, as stated in the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*". Their mandate also includes educating the public on issues regarding sex inequalities.

The idea of creating a LEAF branch in Sudbury started in September 1989, with the determination of Mary Lue Hinds, a member of the national organization. She contacted Mary Chow, Director of Development at the head office, who discovered that three women from Sudbury had supported LEAF: Trish Hennessy, Anne Cole, and Carmen Simmons. Following Ms. Chow's visit to Sudbury to meet all four women, the founders developed plans for LEAF Sudbury. A decade later, in 1999, LEAF Sudbury signed an agreement with LEAF National and became an official branch of the organization.

Since its inception, LEAF Sudbury has organised many important fundraising events. The event with the highest attendance, the Person's Day Breakfast, celebrates the day when Canadian women were deemed "persons" by the Privy Council of Great Britain, in October 1929. Among the guest speakers who have participated in this event: Marie Poulin, Dr.Lorna Marsden and Dr.Nancy Olivieri. Some of the funds raised at the Person's Day Breakfast are used for the LEAF Book Project to purchase books, magazine subscriptions and videos dealing with women's issues. At the outset, twenty-one French and English high school libraries in Sudbury benefited from this fundraising, until the money raised was later donated to the Greater Sudbury Public Library.

In 1995, LEAF Sudbury approached the local branches of the YWCA and the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), to ask for their collaboration in creating an event called *Celebrate Women*, which takes place every year around International Women's day. It gives the public of Sudbury an opportunity to meet a best-selling female author and discuss her book. The three organizations also acted in concert to have the Amphitheatre at Bell Park named after Grace Hartman, the first woman mayor of Sudbury, and one of the founders of the YWCA and CFUW in Sudbury.

Scope and content: The records of this fonds document the activities and the organization of LEAF Sudbury. It consists of the agreement with LEAF National, annual reports, documentation on the 'Mary Lue Hinds Award', and correspondence. The documents also provide information about fund-raising events, especially the Person's Day Breakfast: promotional documentation, programs, photographs and speeches of guest speakers. The records in this fonds attest to the educational mission of LEAF Sudbury and their interventions. There are records on the Book Project, reports, minutes and other related documentation on LEAF Sudbury's profile in the community. The fonds also consists of general documentation, such as publications, bulletins and legal

reports, which provide information about the activities of LEAF across Canada and at its local branches. This fonds is arranged into four series: I: Constitutive and Administrative records; II: Fund Raising; III: Education projects; and IV: Documentation.

Notes: Immediate source of acquisition: The fonds was donated in 2003 by LEAF Sudbury (Mary Lue Hinds)

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: Accruals: The first accrual was received in 2003. More accruals are expected.

**Series 1- Constitutive and administrative records
1993-2003
0,2 cm of textual records**

This series contains records about the administrative structure, and official records representing the annual summary of LEAF Sudbury's activities. The records consist of the Agreement with LEAF National, the terms of reference, and annual reports submitted to the main administration of LEAF National.

- 1,1 [Agreement LEAF National and LEAF Sudbury]
1999
5 sheets of textual records

Copy of a letter to the Executive Director, and a copy of the signed agreement.

- 1,2 Mary-Lue Hinds Award
1994-1996
4 sheets of textual records

This file consists of the terms of Reference of the Mary-Lue Hinds Award, including a hand-written list of the names of some of the recipients of the award. Memos for applications are also included.

- 1,3 [LEAF Sudbury reports]
1993-2003
11 sheets of textual records

The file contains annual reports of LEAF Sudbury, Person's Day Breakfasts Committees, as submitted to LEAF National. Correspondence on the efforts of LEAF Sudbury to be inclusive of the whole community, and to have documentation and presentations in French and Ojibway. Information on events in Toronto or across the province is also included.

- 1,4 [LEAF Ontario reports]
1993-1995
6 sheets of textual records

The file contains reports submitted to LEAF National, concerning the Person's Day Breakfasts that have taken place throughout Ontario.
Note: In these reports, reference is made to the PBD in Sudbury.

Series 2- Fund Raising
1989-2003
5,6 cm of textual records and 46 photographs

This series contains records and information documenting the main activity of LEAF Sudbury: fund raising. Although there are gaps, and some types of records are missing, or seem to be incomplete, the minutes, correspondence, reports, promotional papers and documentation all attest to the efforts and dedication of the LEAF volunteers in organizing their main activity for fund raising: the Person's Day Breakfast. They also are indicative of the success of the event.

The series is divided into 2 sub-series: A- Organization; B- Person's Day Breakfast

Sub-series A- Organization
1995-2002
1,4 cm of textual records

This sub-series contains records concerning the organization of the annual event for Fund raising. It consists of minutes, correspondence, and mailing lists.

2/A,1 Minutes [LEAF Sudbury]
1999-2002
0,8 cm of textual records

The file contains some of the minutes and related documents of the Sudbury Breakfast Committee meetings, a mailing list, and a booklet on the Committees' Job Description.

2/A,2 [Guest Speaker]
1993-1998 (Predominant dates: 1993-1994)
0,6 cm of textual records

The file consists of correspondence concerning the solicitation of a speaker for the Person's Day Breakfast. It also contains correspondence protesting the choice of the 1998 guest speaker: Ms. Hilary Weston.

2/A,3 [General correspondence]
1995-2001
7 sheets of textual records

The file consists of thank you notes, and a letter from a former guest speaker, Mrs. Anderson.

**Sub-series B- Person' Day Breakfast
1989-2003
4,2 cm of textual records and 46 photographs**

This sub-series contains records which document the Person's Day Breakfast, since its inception. Promotional papers on the annual event, such as posters, programs, and newspaper clippings on LEAF and its mission, its causes, as well as their guest speakers, are included in this sub-series. It also consists of presentation notes, speeches and photographs.

Note: Since 1990 the guest speakers have been: Judy Erola; Doris Anderson, Marie Poulin and Nancy Jackman; Ann Medina and Madeleine Dion Stout; Sandra Shamas; Nancy White; Mary Eberts; Sonja Smits; Dave Broadfoot; Hilary Weston; Margarita Papandreou; Margaret Norrie McCain; Claire L'Heureux Dubé; Ann Dowsett Johnston; Judy Feld Carr.

2/B,1 [Person's Day Breakfast]
1989-2003
4,2 cm of textual records and 46 photographs

The file of 14 folders, contains records for the annual event, such as programs, promotional documentation, posters, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and presentation notes of the speakers, as well as some of the speeches of the guest speakers. Among the speeches, notes written by Claire L'Heureux-Dubé for her presentation, Beth Atcheson, and Ms.Gibson. Photographs are of the pre-Breakfast dinner (for volunteers), and of the main event. Photographs of the 1999 Recipient of the Award for Volunteer Work, Ms. Corinne Matte, are also included.

Series 3- Education Projects
1993-2002
0,7 cm of textual records

This series consists of records documenting actions taken by LEAF Sudbury to promote the education goals of the organization, within the community. Records illustrate the diversity of interventions undertaken by the organization and its members in Education. The series contains reports, financial statements, correspondence and newspaper clippings. This series is divided into 2 sub-series: A- Book Project; B- Representation.

Sub-series A- Book Project
1993-2002 (Predominant dates: 1993-1994)
0,6 cm of textual records

This sub-series contains records concerning one specific project to LEAF Sudbury: donating books to secondary schools. The project is funded by part of the money raised by the Person's Day breakfast.

3/A,1 LEAF Education Project
1993-2002 (Predominant dates: 1993-1994)
0,6 cm of textual records

File contains records documenting the LEAF Sudbury Education Project of donating books to Secondary Schools' Libraries of the Northeastern region. The records consist of Progress reports, lists of books purchased, minutes, financial statements, and related documents. The file also contains "Thank you" notes and a reply to an open letter published in Northern Life. 'Promoting the 'E' in LEAF', an article written by Mary-Lue Hinds which describes the project, is also included.

Sub-series B- Representation
1993-2001
0,1 cm of textual records

This sub-series contains records describing the activities or actions taken by LEAF Sudbury to promote LEAF and its role in education, and to draw attention of the community

to aspects of women's rights. Correspondence, notes and minutes are included in this sub-series.

3/B,1 [LEAF Sudbury, Representation]
1993
5 sheets of textual records

The file consists of records attesting to representations done by Leaf Sudbury members, in the region. A thank you note, and correspondence concerning Inco's policy on women working underground, is also included.

3/B,2 Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW)
1995-2001
5 sheets

File contains minutes of CFUW meetings in Sudbury, in which there are references to LEAF Sudbury, the PDB and the mission of LEAF.

**Series 4- Documentation
1985-2003
5,1 cm of textual records**

This series of documentation groups printed material from different Chapters and branches of LEAF. The reports, bulletins, and lists of members provide information on the various activities organized or supported by LEAF, which take place across Canada . The mission statement and a brief history of LEAF can also be found in this series.

4,1 [LEAF General Documentation]
1995-2003 (Predominant dates: 1998-2003)
0,7 cm of textual records

The file contains printed information on LEAF and its membership. Lists of Branch and Chapter contacts, lists of the Board of Directors, Annual reports and general information on LEAF are also included.

4,2 [LEAF Bulletins]
1992-1999
0,3 cm of textual records

The file consists of publications of different LEAF branches. It includes *BeLeafs*, *Toronto Leaf*; *Ottawa Leaf*, *Manitoba* and *The LEAF LET*.

- 4,3 [LEAF case updates and Legal reports]
1985-2003 (Predominant dates: 1998-2002)
1,1 cm of textual records

The file of 2 folders, contains printed reports and updates on LEAF legal interventions. One report addresses 'Equality Litigation for women in Canada'. The second folder contains newspaper clippings about legal issues supported by LEAF.

- 4,4 '*LEAF Lines*'
1989-2003
3,0 cm of textual records

The file consists of an incomplete series of the LEAF publication.