

Eskasoni

Nova Scotia, Canada

The Eskasoni First Nation is a band government of the Mi'kmaq located alongside the Bras d'Or Lake on Eastern Cape Breton Island, a rural region of the Canadian province of Nova Scotia. This island is the Unama'ki district of Mi'kmaq territory.

Young Men

These photo images were produced by six young men (aged 18-23) from The Eskasoni First Nation. They worked with staff at Eskasoni Mental Health Services and an academic researcher to better understand how sexual violence is experienced by young women in the community and what can be done about it. The project highlights that men and boys can be part of the solution: "Our work complements that of nine young women from our community who are also researching these issues".



Young Women

This series of public service announcement products is aimed at changing the way our community does and doesn't talk about sexual violence. Core findings of our research point to the ways in which women who experience sexual violence are silenced. Many of the causes of this silencing are related to the legacy of intergenerational trauma. The impact of this legacy is aggravated by a continuing lack of cultural and gender sensitivity within formal services.

