

THE
Nellie McBlung
FOUNDATION



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*People must know the past to understand the
present, and to face the future.*



REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Before the unveiling of **The Nellie McClung Foundation Monument**, Nellie McClung was recognized with memorials in Ottawa and Calgary - but never in the province where she lived and worked for more than 30 years.

The idea for the monument began in 2002 with MLA Myrna Driedger, then critic for the Status of Women. She identified Nellie as a significant but largely unrecognized contributor to the life of women in Manitoba. In speaking with grassroots women's organizations and individuals, it became clear that it was time to find some way to honour Nellie's contributions.

Through a Private Member's Bill, the Manitoba Legislature created a foundation that would erect a monument for Nellie McClung at the Legislature, serving to educate the public about her achievements. The Private Member's Bill received unanimous approval on its first reading, and it passed on December 4th, 2003. Following this, the Nellie McClung Foundation was officially constituted on September 15, 2006.

Along with Founding Chair The Honourable Janice C. Filmon, O.C., O.M., MLA Driedger assembled an exemplary team of men and women who commissioned the artist and the foundry, reviewed and selected monument concepts, raised funds, managed promotions and developed the site. The monument was finally unveiled in 2010.

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SINCE THEN...

THE WINNIPEG FOUNDATION NELLIE MCCLUNG FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND

Established to support a monument commemorating Nellie McClung on the grounds of the Manitoba Legislature. Ninety percent of initial gifts to the fund went directly to completing the monument. The remaining ten percent and any gift after completion is pooled and invested. The income generated is distributed to support the work of the Nellie McClung Foundation as well as an education website, events, awards and scholarships.

THE NELLIE MCCLUNG FOUNDATION LEGACY AWARD AT UNIVERSITIES

Established by the Nellie McClung Foundation, gifts to this fund are invested in perpetuity and the annual income generated provides a bursary, of \$1,000 annually to a woman at the University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg who is undertaking a program in Political or Women's Studies that will help towards the advancement of Women.

THE NELLIE MCCLUNG FOUNDATION ARTS LEGACY AWARD

The Nellie McClung Foundation Arts Legacy Award was created in 2013 to honour the vision and advance the legacy of Nellie McClung by recognizing the contributions women make to social justice through the arts. The Nellie McClung Foundation works in partnership with the Manitoba Arts Council (MAC) to administer the biennial award. The award of \$2,000 recognizes a woman who is emerging in her artistic practice, or a collective of emerging women artists, whose artistic work seeks to engage with community in social justice issues.

DEVELOPED CURRICULUM MATERIAL & LEARNING RESOURCES

Produced curriculum material and learning resources for teachers and students using the material researched and the Manitoba Social Studies Curriculum Documents for Grades 6, 9 and 11 classes as general guides.

ESTABLISHED A WEBSITE - OURNELLIE.COM

This extensive website contains information about Nellie McClung; the work of the Foundation; anecdotal timeliness about Nellie's history; as well as the history of women's rights in Canada, the political equality league and women's firsts. Along with the curriculum developed for educators.

CENTENNIAL GALA: CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF MB WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE

A momentous Canadian human rights milestone took place on January 28th, 2016, it was 100 years ago on this day that some Manitoba women were the first in Canada to be awarded the right to vote. The Nellie McClung Foundation recognized the occasion with a year of celebration, beginning with the **Centennial Gala: Celebration 100 Years of MB Women's Right to Vote**, in partnership with the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, taking place at the RBC Convention Centre, Winnipeg, MB.

THE NELLIE AWARDS

The Nellie Awards honour Nellie McClung's vision by recognizing the spirit of her life's work being advanced by women leaders of today. Nominations were graciously accepted through the Winnipeg Free Press and over 60 women were nominated for this prestigious award. An esteemed selection committee selected five rural and five urban recipients for ten Nellie Awards that were presented at the Centennial Gala: Celebrating 100 Years of MB Women's Right to Vote.

THE NELLIE LEGACY AWARDS

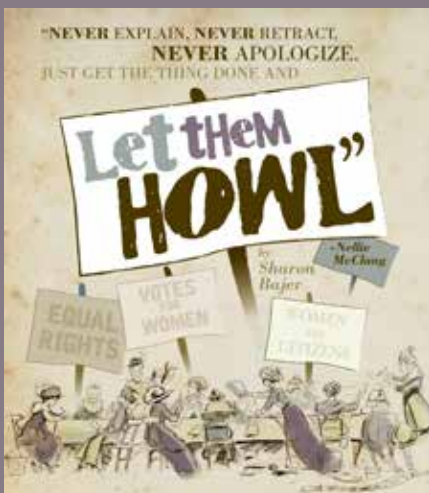
The Nellie Legacy Awards are special presentations to individuals who have gone above and beyond for social justice and women's and human rights. These recipients have devoted their life's work to advocating equality, societal change and the preservation of human rights. To date, two awards have been presented.

WEST END BIZ WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE MURAL

The West End Biz Women's Suffrage Mural is located at 560 Sargent Avenue, Winnipeg, MB. The Nellie McClung Foundation worked as a partner to help develop the mural. The mural celebrates 100 years since the vote was first extended to some women in Manitoba in 1916. The mural portrays a scene from the play "The Women's Parliament," a performance organized by Manitoba Suffragists in 1914, created by local Winnipeg artist, Mandy Van Leeuwen.

DONATION TO THE NELLIE MCCLUNG HERITAGE SITE

The Nellie McClung Foundation donated \$10,000 to The Nellie McClung Heritage Site. The Nellie McClung Heritage Site is a dedicated organization that is committed to safeguarding two of Nellie's most important homes, which are offered as living classrooms to students and as a fascinating tourist attraction for Manitobans.



'LET THEM HOWL' BY SHARON BAJER

This play is a retelling and re-enactment of the famous 'mock-parliament' play that featured Nellie McClung and her peers in the Political Equality League. The performance of the original play was a turning point in the struggle for suffrage and most people think that there is a script that can be used to tell this wonderful story, alas there is not, until now. Playwright Sharon Bajer, has brought together Nellie's writings and news from the day to create this cheeky story of a group of women who took on the roles of men and assured the audience, in mocking what they had just heard from the Premier, "Nice men do not want to vote." It has been purposefully designed – both in length and in style- to be used in classrooms and for groups who want to take the 'voting' message to their colleagues.

The inaugural performance of the play took place on October 18, 2015, with 31 of Winnipeg's women leaders participating in it's reading.

Since then, the play has been performed by groups to audience across Canada

OUR VISION

The Nellie McClung Foundation aims to raise awareness and celebrate Nellie McClung's legacy by inspiring and educating present and future champions to continue the journey to equality.

OUR VALUES

EQUAL RIGHTS

Educating and providing varied resources, history and experiences that inspire equal participation in leadership roles.

HONOURING LEGACY

Embedding the values that were reflected by those earlier women and men who fought for equality and reaffirming that, if we believe in something, we can achieve it.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Providing resources and educational opportunities to encourage women to identify and develop their talents and to exercise leadership.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Educating to a social awareness which challenges individuals to act justly and support equality.

DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

Promoting the right and privilege to run for political office and to vote.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Providing opportunities to recognize and celebrate the talents and leadership of women.

LEADERSHIP

The organizations value of education required teaching, research, subject matter expertise, and the relationships with other leading women's and human rights organizations.

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