

New Brunswick marks International Women's Day with several events ^[1]

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New Brunswick women have a lot to celebrate in 2010, says Mary Schryer, provincial minister responsible for the status of women.

Today is International Women's Day, and celebrations are planned across the province to honour the occasion.

"It's a great day for the women of the province of New Brunswick to reflect on all our gains," Schryer said.

"We had pay equity introduced last year and it's been extended into the private sector in areas such as childcare, nursing homes and transition homes, just to name a few."

Schryer said economic security is an issue of concern for the province of New Brunswick, which relates to pay equity as well as childcare spaces.

"We've increased our spaces by over 36 per cent," she said.

"We set out a goal of creating 720 spaces, and we only have 100 left to go. The numbers in infant spaces are very significant. They're up by about 86 per cent."

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In Fredericton, a number of celebrations have been planned. At the Delta Fredericton Hotel, women are invited to participate in a morning of dialogue, speaker sessions and networking.

The event will be held from 8 a.m.-noon. Tickets are \$10 at the door and free childcare is available on-site.

At 7 p.m., Monica Townson, an author and economic consultant, will give a lecture at St. Thomas University's Edmund Casey Hall.

The topic of her lecture is women and the recession.

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