URFA Recognizes International Women’s Day 2018

On International Women’s Day, URFA unites with women across the province, country, and around the world to recognize the progress and achievements of women, and to call for immediate and bold action to address the inequalities still faced by women today.

The theme of this year’s International Women’s Day is “Press for Progress”, a call to action for everyone to commit to think, act, and be more gender inclusive. Over the past year, movements like #metoo have built momentum around the world and caused many of us to reflect on what we can do to make the world a more equitable and just place for women. The International Women’s Day calls to action are a good starting point for those looking for ways that they can Press for Progress on an individual level and be more gender inclusive in 2018.

While Universities, including the University of Regina, have made gains in terms of the number of women in the academic workforce, there is still more work that needs to be done. According to a report released by Statistics Canada last year, women academic staff at the University of Regina make $21,900 less than their male counterparts. Women staff are also far more likely to face sexism, harassment and discrimination in their workplace. We know that we can, and must do better to make our university a fairer and more equitable place for all women.

As we recognize this year’s International Women’s Day, and take time to celebrate the remarkable achievements of women, URFA remains committed to the pursuit of a fairer and more equitable society.