

**2021 #MMIWGActionNow Twitter Chat
Wednesday, May 5, 2021 | 12-1 p.m. MT**

Twitter Chat Flow and Questions (Mountain Time):

Post 1 – by @niwrc | 12:00 p.m.

Welcome to the #MMIWGActionNow Twitter Chat, hosted by NIWRC & @_IllumiNatives. Thanks for speaking truth to missing & murdered Indigenous women, girls & 2S relatives—their lives matter. This is a national crisis that needs awareness and deserves action.

@niwrc will tweet using Q1, etc. Pls respond with your answers using A1, etc.

Post 2 - by @niwrc | 12:02 p.m.

#MMIWGActionNow Let's first acknowledge the original homelands where we stand. NIWRC resides on the ancestral lands of the Tsétsêhéstâhese and So'taeo'o (Cheyenne) People. The Cheyenne people & cultural lifeways are beautiful & thriving here. Pls share where you're tweeting from!

Q1 12:06 PM – Q1 asked by @niwrc

@niwrc will post

Q1: Let's begin the conversation at the heart of this issue: what are the root causes of violence against Native women, girls and Two-spirit people (incl. domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, murder, and other crimes)? How did we get here? #MMIWGActionNow

Q2 - 12:12 PM – Q2 asked by @niwrc

@niwrc will post

Q2: Colonialism is a big piece of the puzzle, and another key issue is visibility. A significant number of Americans think Native people no longer exist. In what ways does this contribute to the MMIW crisis? #MMIWGActionNow

Q3 - 12:18 PM – Q3 asked by @niwrc

@niwrc will post

Q3: There are so many factors contributing to the #MMIWG2S crisis. What are the top challenges related to addressing it, and how can we overcome these challenges to save Indigenous lives? #MMIWGActionNow

Q4 12:24 PM – Q4 asked by @niwrc

@niwrc will post

Q4: Due to lack of data, there is a misconception that violence against Indigenous women and girls ONLY occurs on tribal lands. How do we disrupt those misconceptions about who the violent perpetrators are and advocate for urban Native lives? #MMIWGActionNow

Q5 12:30 PM – Q5 asked by @niwrc

@niwrc will post

Q5: There is also a problem of violent misogyny in America. What are some examples of sexualized stereotypes of Native women and how does this contribute to the violence against Indigenous people? #MMIWGActionNow

Q6 12:36 PM – Q6 asked by @niwrc

@niwrc will post

Q6: The impact of extractive industries has affected Indigenous communities in more ways than one. How is fossil fuel production linked to the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women? #MMIWGActionNow

Q7 12:42 PM – Q7 asked by @niwrc

@niwrc will post

Q7: We believe the solutions to the #MMIWG crisis reside within our communities. Why is tribal sovereignty so important when talking about ending this crisis? What community-based solutions are taking MMIW head-on? #MMIWGActionNow

Q8 12:48 PM – Q8 asked by @niwrc

@niwrc will post

Q8: What more can people do individually (allies included) to honor and take action for missing and murdered Indigenous women and demand change at the tribal, federal and local levels? #MMIWGActionNow

Final Post - by @niwrc | 1:00 p.m.

And that wraps up our #MMIWGActionNow Twitter Chat. Thx to @_IllumiNatives + everyone for speaking up for #MMIWG2S lives! Join our May 5th webinar STARTING NOW, 'Uplifting Voices of MMIW Families': bit.ly/3sANEzD & take action every day!

More: niwrc.org/mmiwgnatlweek