

LORRAINE A. MICHAELe-mail: lmichael phone: 709- (Home)

Profile: Retired politician, activist, feminist, researcher, speaker, leader, musician

WORK EXPERIENCE**November 2015 – May 2019**

Member of House of Assembly St. John's East-Quidi Vidi

November 2006 - November 2015

Member of House of Assembly Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi

July 2006 – 2014

Leader

New Democratic Party Newfoundland and Labrador

May 1999 – June 2006

Executive Director

Women In Resource Development Committee

Responsible for the management of all administrative and program affairs of WRDC and representation of WRDC in consultations with government agencies, educational institutions, labour and industry regarding policy and practice requirements to achieve employment equity in the natural resource development sectors in Newfoundland and Labrador through women's employment in trades and technology.

February 1997 – April 1999

Panel Member – Innu Nation Nominee

Voisey's Bay Environmental Impact Assessment Review

Responsible for assessing the biophysical and socio-economic effects of the proposed nickel mine in Voisey's Bay, Labrador. Personal expertise was in offering a race- and gender-based analysis of the socio-economic issues that were part of the review.

September, 1997 – December 1997

Interim Executive Coordinator,

National Action Committee on Status of Women (NAC)

Coordinated the administrative and program affairs of the national coalition of feminist women's organizations. Part of the work also included chairing the Women and Work committee of NAC.

September '91 - February '97

Researcher/Writer/Activist, Women and Economic Justice

Ecumenical Coalition for Economic Justice (ECEJ)

Coordinated all aspects of the Women and Economic Justice program. Essential aspects of this work involved doing a gender-based analysis of all the research

produced at ECEJ, researching the effects of economic globalization on women's work and networking with women's organizations regionally, nationally and internationally. During this time Lorraine represented ECEJ as a speaker at related conferences in Mexico, Chile and Zimbabwe.

January 1980 – July 1990

Director

Office of Social Action, St. John's

As Director Lorraine represented the Roman Catholic Archdiocese on a number of coalitions for social justice both regionally and nationally. This job included research and writing on a variety of socio-economic issues as well as direct involvement with community groups concerned about issues affecting their lives. There was a particular focus on community organizing of women.

September 71 – June 76

Junior High School Principal

Roman Catholic School Board of St. John's

Responsibilities included the supervision and administration of a school with a student population of approximately 350 and a staff of 15. Lorraine's vision during this time was creating a school community that involved parents, students and teachers.

September 63 – June 71

High School Teacher – Bell Island, St. John's, Baie Verte, St. Lawrence and the Codroy Valley.

Taught music, French, mathematics and chemistry.

EDUCATION

M.Div. (1979) University of Toronto

B.A.(Ed.) (1970) Memorial University of Newfoundland

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Petroleum Industry P.R. Sector Council

Advisor to the Council on increasing women's participation in trades and technology in this sector.

2004

WinSETT (Women in Science Engineering, Trades and Technology) Project,
Canadian Coalition of Women in Science, Engineering, Trades and Technology,
Co-chair, 2003-2006

Canadian Coalition of women in Science, Engineering, Trades and Technology
Executive Member, 2004-2005

MiningWatch Canada, co-chair, 2002-4

Women and Economy Policy Committee, NAC, co-chair 1993-2002

NGO Participant on Canadian Delegation, 2002
Invitee of Status of Women Canada and the Department of Finance
Meetings on Gender-based Analysis of Government Fiscal Policies
Edinburgh and Whitehall

Alternative Federal Budget Working Group, 1994-1997

NGO Observer on Canadian Delegation
1995 UN World Conference on Women

NGO Observer on Canadian Delegation
Prep Comm III, 1995 UN World Summit on Social Development

Hemispheric Conference on Globalization of the Economy, Mexico City, 1994,
Panelist/participant

Consultation on Hemispheric Free Trade, Santiago. Chile, 1993
Panelist/participant

Conference on Women and Free Trade, Valle de Bravo. Mexico, 1992
Panelist/participant

Future of Women's Work, NAC/ECEJ conjoint project, 1991-93, Co-ordinator

Bell Island Community Economic Development Co-operative, Facilitation Role,
1984-1988

Women's Community Economic Development Programme, Facilitator
Belize, Central America, 1988

Coalition for Equality, Founding Member and co-chairperson, 1984-88

Ocean Ranger Families Foundation, Founding Member, Chairperson, 1982-85.

Canadian Urban Training, National Trainer, 1979-1989.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

Women and Work Policy Committee, Oxfam Canada, 2003-4

Newfoundland and Labrador Health in Pluralistic Societies, Board Member,
2001-4

Southern Ontario Elected Representative
NAC Executive, 1996-98

Ministerial Advisory Committee on Women in Education
1980-82

St. John's TEN DAYS for World Development, Founding Member, Chairperson,
1974-79

St. John's Oxfam Committee, Founding Member, Chairperson, 1972-79.

HOBBIES

Choral singing and piano – member of the Philharmonic Choir of the
Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra; gardening

PUBLISHED WORK

Report on the Proposed Voisey's Bay Mine and Mill Project, Minister of Public
Works and Government Services Canada, March 1999.

Provinces Play Follow the Federal Leader, Economic Justice Report, May 1996.
(An examination of the changes in social and economic policy in Canadian
provinces and the role of the federal government in the provincial changes.)

New Economic Order: Ensuring Inequality for Women, Economic Justice Report,
Economic Justice Report, May 1995. (An analysis of the globalization of the
economy from the experience of women.)

The Global Garment Industry: Industrial Model of the Future
April, Economic Justice Report, 1994.

How Do Canada's Social Programs Fare in the Liberal Plan, Economic Justice
Report, December 1993.

Women Bear the Brunt of Economic Restructuring, Economic Justice Report,
December 1992.