

LEAF Halifax Persons Day Breakfast

For our 4th Annual Persons Day Breakfast, held October 19th at the St. Mary's Boat Club, the local Halifax community welcomed a keynote address by Rene Ross, Executive Director of Stepping Stone. Stepping Stone is an organization known for trailblazing work to provide a safe haven for, and to advocate on behalf of, sex workers in the Maritimes. For many attendees, it was the first time they had heard Rene's impassioned speaking, for some it was a familiar theme with a new twist. Just as women were legally recast as "persons" in the late 1920s, Stepping Stone legally and socio-culturally recasts sex workers as "persons" equally entitled to protection from unjust laws and equal treatment without discrimination on the basis of cultural stereotypes. The morning wrapped with music from Becky Siamon, delicious food from Chef Live! and the opportunity for all to catch up with friends and peers in a lovely setting. If you are interested in helping plan next year's breakfast, email halifax@leaf.ca, the committee will start up again in the new year.