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Sir William McIntyre Park, August 8th, 2015 at noon

Edmonton, AB – On August 8th, Edmonton Slutwalk will be returning for its 5th year! Join us at Sir William McIntyre Park, 8303 104 St, for our march against sexual violence, slut shaming, and victim blaming. Speakers and performers will begin at 12:00 noon, with a march to follow.

This year, we are continuing our commitment to intersectionality by focusing on LGBTQIA+ issues. Our speakers include:

- **Marni Panas** is a transgender woman who is a regular lecturer at Edmonton's universities. She often appears in local print, radio and television media discussing a variety of topics that affect the community in which she lives.
- **Paint Stardust** is a nonbinary, bigender, self-described glitterpunk. Paint is a spoken word poet, zine writer, and novelist.
- And finally, **CONJURE** is a local singer/songwriter. Her haunting blend of vocals, guitar, and electronics has been heard recently at February's Not Enough Fest Edmonton, and will be featured as part of October's UP+DOWNTOWN Music Festival.

What do you wear to Slutwalk? Well, what would you wear to get raped? (The answer is that **no-one** wears clothing for that reason, but) Short skirts, tight dresses, business suits, hockey equipment, saris, burkas, pyjamas... anything.

Historically, the term 'slut' has carried a predominantly negative connotation. Aimed at those who are perceived to be sexually promiscuous, be it for work or pleasure, it has primarily been women who have suffered under the burden of this label. And whether dished out as a serious indictment of one's character or merely as a flippant insult, the intent behind the word is always to wound.

Join us on August 8th at our march to end sexual assault, because there is nothing a person can do to deserve sexual violence.

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