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Professor Lana Wells is an internationally recognized leader in gender-based violence prevention and social policy whose work has helped transform how governments and communities approach the prevention of domestic, family, and sexual violence. An Associate Professor in the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Calgary and the Brenda Strafford Chair in the Prevention of Domestic Violence, Professor Wells has dedicated her career to advancing solutions that stop violence before it starts.

In 2010, she founded [Shift: The Project to End Domestic Violence](#), a leading primary prevention research hub that brings together researchers, policymakers, systems and community leaders to translate evidence into practical action to prevent violence. Through this work, she has partnered with leaders across government, academia and the community sector, leading the development of over



100 research reports, policy frameworks and prevention initiatives that have shaped legislation, public policy and practice across Canada and internationally. Professor Wells is widely recognized as a leading voice in the field and is frequently sought by governments, community leaders and media outlets for expert commentary on domestic violence prevention and public policy.

In 2022, she co-founded [Shift to Learn](#), an online platform designed to build a skilled prevention workforce. Her contributions have earned numerous honours, including the Order of the University of Calgary, the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal, the Killam Professor Award and the Alberta Inspiration Award in Leadership in Family Violence.

