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Amautiit: Nunavut Women’s Association was formed in May 2019 by a small group of Arnait from across Nunavut, after the six founding members of the board got together to discuss the path needed to improve the lives of Inuit women, girls and families in Nunavut.

Amautiit is an independent not-for-profit society grounded in the diverse realities and distinct needs of Nunavut communities. Our goal is to represent the interests of Arnait, supporting them to reach their full potential, and lending a hand to help Arnait overcome barriers and challenges brought about by the traumatic impact of colonization, racism, LGBTQ2+ discrimination and other forms of inequity and intolerance. Amautiit takes its direction from its members through various means, including regular community engagements.

We aim to improve conditions for Arnait in Nunavut and their families through research, analysis, and reporting, as well as through building alliances and partnerships with like-minded agents-for-change within and outside of the territory, and by supporting and advocating for governments and service providers to meet the rights and needs of Arnait and their families.

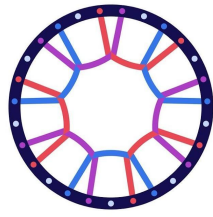
As outlined in our founding charter, Amautiit’s membership includes all women of the territory unless they indicate that they wish to opt out. Our work extends to supporting Arnait from Nunavut who, for whatever reason, reside outside of the territory.

## **2023- 2024**

This year marked our return to nearly full capacity post COVID. Our board members were very active in various roundtables and collaborations and are working hard to represent Arnait. We wrapped up a few projects and are going into the next fiscal year with plans to focus on gender based violence, the climate and leadership.

### **Board Member Advocacy**

- Amautiit President, Madeleine Redfern, researched, prepared and sent an advocacy memo to Health Minister John Main on June 8 to discuss the case of Ms. Ikkidluak. Ms. Ikkidluak was told by the visiting doctor that she needed to get a mammogram. The doctor also informed her that medical travel is no longer booked for mammograms. Due to Madeleine’s advocacy, Ms.



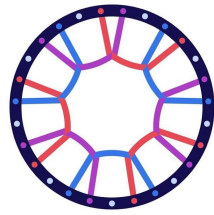
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ikkidluak's case was revisited and Minister Main ensured her care would be covered by Medical Travel.

- Board Member, Tara Tootoo Fotheringham, participated in a CBSA roundtable for “Indigenous Border Mobility and UNDA Action Plan Measure SP52” and guided Amautiit in creating a set of recommendations to be considered for Inuit in Nunavut
- Madeleine Redfern participated in the Nunavut Victims of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence working group on behalf of Amautiit
- Madeleine Redfern participated in the Poverty Roundtable and Report
- Madeleine Redfern was interviewed for the Climate Resiliency Project
- Madeleine Redfern is a founding Board Member of Survivor’s Circle for Reproductive Justice
- Jasmine Redfern had a strategic meeting with Qulliit Status of Women to discuss Amautiit’s board, scope of work, initiatives and potential opportunities for collaboration
- Madeleine Redfern participated in the Arctic Net Annual Scientific Meeting in 2023
- Ningeolaa Killiktee represented Amautiit at Pauktuutit AGM
- Priscilla Kuksuk attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Federal-Provincial-Territorial-Indigenous Roundtable on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQI+ People in Ottawa on Feb 7-8 2024
- Madeleine Redfern and Priscilla Kuksuk participated in Mobilize 2030: Community Led Action for Ending Poverty on Feb 26 and 27
- Priscilla Kuksuk attended an information session about Hawk Communications App to see if it might suit Amautiit’s interests
- Madeleine Redfern and Priscilla Kuksuk participated in interviews with QIA to discuss getting young Arnait to engage more in politics
- Priscilla Kuksuk attended an Indigenous Justice round table on September 20

## Our Projects for 2023

- **Women in Government Poster**
  - Posters about Territorial and Federal stats have been printed and were distributed to communities in Nunavut
  - The data for municipal elections has been compiled, and we ran into an issue with confirming which individuals are male or female as we do not



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want to be insensitive to cultural Inuit naming practices. Our administrative assistants have spent time researching individuals to determine who was male or female, and a final smaller list of names has gone to our board members to weigh in on. Once male and female are decided, we will be sending the stats to a graphic designer for a poster.

- A briefing note was prepared to be sent to Elections Nunavut to ask for gender to be included in the information available about candidates moving forward.

### ● 2SLGBT+ Project

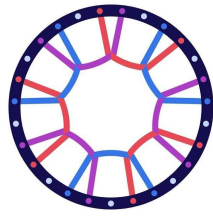
- We have facilitated 3 workshops and have a draft glossary of gender diversity terms in English and Inuktitut that will be shared with our board at the next meeting. The glossary has also been shared with Pauktuutit for their feedback. When the language is confirmed by these groups we will develop it into a small, printed glossary and have social media posts
- Our inquiry into the Nunavut Human Rights Tribunal has resulted in a 80+ page report about various issues. The report will be sent out at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

### ● Dementia Project

- Stats about dementia and aging in Canada and Nunavut, as well as long term care homes have been compiled and will be used to create a report card that will be shared digitally
- The first interviews in Rankin Inlet have been completed. Amautiit Board Member, Dorothy Tootoo, took the lead on organizing community members to interview and liaising with the researchers.

### ● NWAC Programming

- The climate change report and 600 word summary were submitted to NWAC to complete the climate change grant
- NIWA board members attended the NWAC AGA during the summer
- Jasmine Redfern has continued to be the Amautiit rep on NWAC's board of directors
- Jasmine Redfern participated in the UNIPCC last spring



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- Megan Porter has been the Amautiit Youth Rep on NWAC's board and attended the NWAC Youth Retreat in February 2024
- Dorothy Tootoo has served as the Elder Advisor for NWAC's board

### ● Administration

- Administration has brought on a subcontractor to assist with the large amount of research that is going into each of our projects.
- The audit for 2022/2203 has been completed and signed off on by board members
- Financial statements are up to date
- All meetings have minutes and action items clearly detailed within a reasonable timeframe

### ● No Excuse for Child Abuse

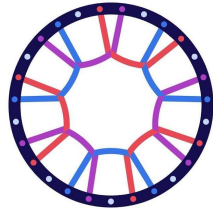
- Posters have been mailed to every community in Nunavut and distributed in person to various places around Iqaluit
- Posters have been mailed to Inuit organizations throughout Canada

### ● Women and Gender Equality (WAGE)

- A three year grant was secured for developing strategies and training materials to build resilience and sustainable women's leadership in Nunavut.
- Administrators for Amautiit completed some research and has created a request for proposals to find a consultant to work with on this project
- Board has developed a short list of questions to address within this project, as beginning research for future projects

### ● Transportation Shift (Green Resilience Project)

- Amautiit partnered with the Green Resilience Project to investigate opportunities for electric vehicles in Nunavut. This was done through one virtual meeting and one in person meeting in Iqaluit. A short report about public opinions expressed as this meeting was compiled and sent to the Green Resilience team.



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- **Be The Drum**

- Amautiit has identified a handful of Arnait to highlight as entrepreneurs for this project

- **Community Workforce Development Program**

- Amautiit has identified a point of view to investigate as part of this project and plans to identify a researcher and a writer to work together analyzing women in trades in Nunavut, as well as potential barriers to Nunavummiut in trades

- **Inuit Partnership Business Guide**

- Amautiit has started a conversation with Kakivak to build a resource for Inuit that interested in partnering in business

## Our Board

On February 17, 2023 at the AGM our board was reaffirmed. Our current board is comprised of Madeleine Redfern (president), Nellie Kusugak, Dorothy Tootoo, Tara Tootoo Fotheringham, Jasmine Redfern, Priscilla Kuksuk, Ningeolaa Killiktee and Megan Porter are Directors for a one-year term.

As a board we managed to hold 7 team meetings and communicated frequently via email. We held our AGM virtually on March 18 2024. The cost of flights in Nunavut limited out opportunities to be together and is something we hope to address moving forward. We also attended the NWAC AGA in Ottawa and were excited to share ideas about how to advocate for women in Nunavut.