

La Passerelle-I.D.É. Denounces Toronto Star Article on Sans-Visage

April 8, 2019 - La Passerelle-I.D.É. denounces in the strongest possible terms the Toronto Star article today regarding our Sans-Visage program.

The Star's article knowingly misrepresents the purpose and content of Sans-Visage. The Star was in fact informed prior to publication of documents confirming that the purpose and content of the program is as La Passerelle-I.D.É. has described it to the Star.

The Star's article alleges that Sans-Visage participants were characterized by La Passerelle-I.D.É. as prostitutes. That is absolutely false. The Star's false allegation further stigmatizes Francophone women of colour who find themselves in a vulnerable position.

The Star also falsely alleges that Sans-Visage project funding has been misused. The Star was in fact informed prior to publication that Sans-Visage funding is spent in accordance with budgets submitted to the government; that reports on Sans-Visage are submitted to the government every three months; and that project spending is reported to the government.

La Passerelle-I.D.É. is consulting with counsel regarding next steps in this matter.