



NSIS 150th Anniversary Free Public Talk

GIRLS and Science:

Why it's Important and How You Can Support Them

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Regardless of your role in our community, you can play a part in supporting young women to enter the fields of science, engineering and technology. Women make up 48% of the labour workforce yet are vastly under-represented in these fields.

Dr. Franz-Odendaal, Associate Professor of Biology at MSVU and the NSERC Chair for Women in Science and Engineering for the Atlantic Region shares her story of becoming a scientist and why it's important to encourage girls to pursue STEM careers. She will discuss what parents, grandparents and teachers can do to support girls to pursue these careers. Dr. Franz-Odendaal is a developmental biologist who will share with you how she uses her research with zebrafish to excite students to the thrill of scientific discovery. The goals of the Wise Atlantic program are to increase girls' self confidence in science, engineering and technology; provide mentors and role models for girls; and dispel stereotypes surrounding women in science, engineering and math. To find out more about the program, please visit www.WISEatlantic.ca

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1747 Summer St., Halifax

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