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## KWAG Responds to Public Inquiries About VigilforGazaKW Event

14 January, KITCHENER, ON – Over the past week, the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery has received inquiries regarding a private rental organized by VigilforGazaKW.

As a public institution committed to serving our diverse community, KWAG operates under principles of open access and freedom of expression.

KWAG'S rental policy for our Community Access Space allows community groups to book this space for events that fall within legal bounds, regardless of the viewpoints expressed. This approach reflects our commitment to the Charter-protected freedom of expression and ensures we remain a truly public resource.

VigilforGazaKW's event has generated an overwhelming response from the community. In response to requests for more tickets, the event is being relocated to a larger venue to accommodate the volume of people who would like to attend.

KWAG remains dedicated to being a welcoming space for all while upholding fundamental democratic principles.

### Land Acknowledgment

The Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery respectfully acknowledges that we are located in Block 2 on the Haldimand Tract: land promised to Six Nations, which includes ten kilometers on each side of the Grand River. This is the traditional home of the Attawandaron (Neutral), Anishinaabeg, and Haudenosaunee Peoples, whose resilience we honor by offering this Gallery as a space to reflect and learn from one another. We are committed to reconciliation and ensuring that our Gallery's programs and Permanent Collection demonstrate more diverse, culturally relevant Canadian art and artists.

### About Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery

As Waterloo Region's leading public art gallery, the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery (KWAG) connects people and ideas through art. Its nationally acclaimed exhibitions and programs welcome all to be inspired and challenged through a deepened understanding of ourselves, our cultures, and our communities. It offers dynamic public programs that inspire creativity and an appreciation of the visual arts in the Region and beyond. Established in 1956 and incorporated in 1968, KWAG is a non-profit organization open to the public and administered in the public trust. Admission is free.

**Accessibility:** KWAG is an accessible venue - visit [KWAG.ca/accessibility](http://KWAG.ca/accessibility)

### Visit Us

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