



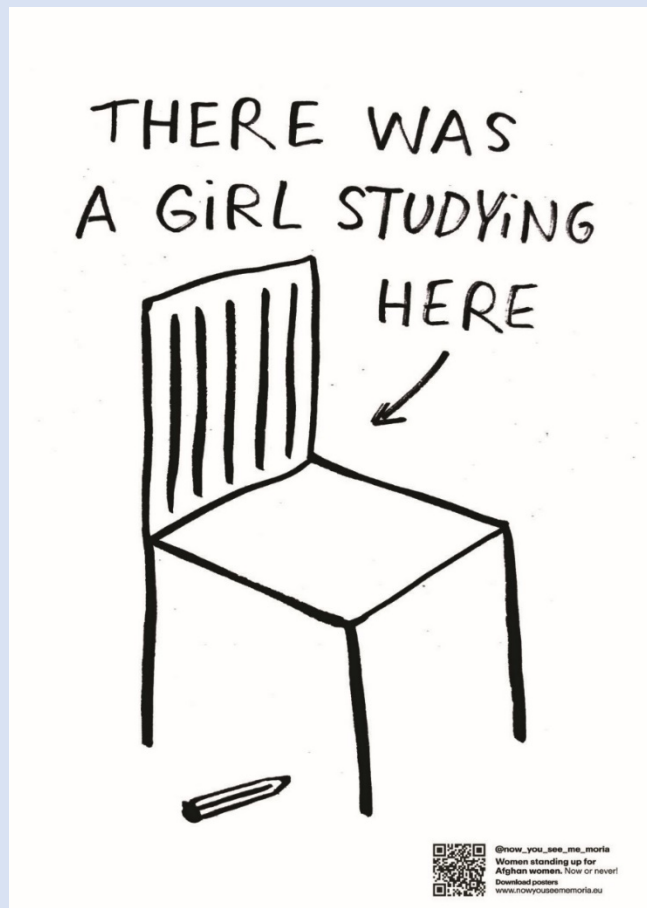
*The OWCC Presents:*

## Canary in the Coal Mine

Why the threat to human rights in Afghanistan, and the consequences for women and girls, should matter to all of us.



Dr. Lauryn Oates is an advocate for equitable access to quality education in conflict zones. Her organization is a Canadian charity that has helped make the human right to education real for thousands of Afghan girls and women.



Sketch by: Gabriela Araujo

with **Lauryn Oates, PhD, Executive Director**  
*Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan*

Managing an organization delivering education programming for women and girls in Afghanistan, Lauryn and her organization did everything they could to raise the alarm prior to the Taliban take-over, warning that the outcomes would be disastrous for women, and indeed, for all Afghans. Since the change in government, they have continued to work on ways to restore women's and girls' access to education, while also supporting the evacuation of Afghans at risk and advocating for safe passage for the thousands seeking to leave Afghanistan.

**Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 12:00pm to 1:30pm via Zoom**

This event is open to all members and guests.

Registration will close promptly on Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

- ❖ If you wish to register outside of the OWCC website, please email [contact@owcc.ca](mailto:contact@owcc.ca).
- ❖ Once you are registered you will receive an email confirmation of your registration.
- ❖ 24 hours prior to the event, you will receive an email with the Zoom link and instructions on how to join.